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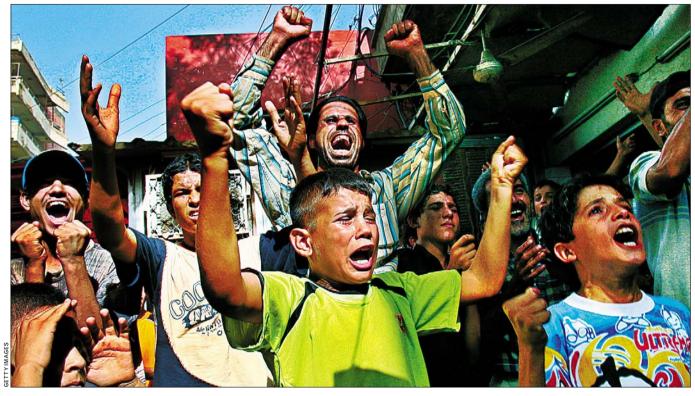
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Blasts Mar Iraqi Celebration of Soccer Victory



JUBILEE: Iraqis celebrate in Baghdad after Iraq's national soccer team defeated South Korea Wednesday to reach the Asian Cup final for the first time. Two suicide bombs killed at least 50 rejoicing soccer fans and injured more than 130 revelers. Lost joy: A glorious scene turns into a tragic one Page 9

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Study: Obesity Is 'Contagious'

Researchers find weight gain spreads within social networks

If your friends and family get fat, chances are you will, too, researchers report in a startling new study that suggests obesity is 'socially contagious" and can spread easily from person to person.

The large, federally funded study found that to be true even if your loved ones lived far away. Social ties seemed to play a surprisingly strong role, even more than genes are

The study, published in Thursday's New

England Journal of Medicine, found a person's chances of becoming obese went up 57 percent if a friend was obese, 40 percent if a sibling was and 37 percent if a spouse was. In the closest friendships, the risk almost tripled.

Researchers think it's more than just people with similar eating and exercise habits hanging out together. Instead, it may be that having relatives and friends who become obese changes one's idea of what an acceptable weight is.

Researchers analyzed medical records of 12,067 people in the Framingham Heart Study, which has been following the health of residents of that Boston suburb for more than 50 years.

After taking into account natural weight gain and other factors, researchers found the greatest influence occurred among friends and not in people sharing the same genes or living in the same household. On average, the researchers calculated, when an obese person gained 17 pounds, the corresponding friend put on 5 pounds. (AP)



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BIG BROTHER

Heaven Help Them If They Tango

Beijing couples intent on stealing a kiss in public are being warned they could be caught on closedcircuit television - and suspected of committing a crime. Xinhua News Agency reported on Wednesday "intimate acts of lovers may be initially categorized as 'kidnapping' or 'robbery' by the computers, which are programmed to be sensitive to violations of safe distances." But police will decide whether the situation really is dangerous. Public displays of affection are common for young urban Chinese couples, who often have nowhere else to go because they share small apartments with their parents. (AP)

ARRESTS

Is Being a Moron Considered a Felony?

A central New York man hit the criminal justice trifecta; three arrests in three hours. Kevin Rich, 40, was charged early Sunday morning with soliciting money from people and loitering. A little more than an hour later, he was charged with disorderly conduct for stepping in front of a

vehicle, causing the driver, an off-duty police officer, to slam on his brakes. Around 2:30 that same morning, police say, Rich was arrested a third time after taking money from people after telling them he ran out of gas and needed to get to another town. Police say Rich has no car. He is due back in court later this week. (AP)



SOUNDS OF INVASION

Squid and the Wail

Jumbo squid that can grow up to 7 feet long and weigh more than IIO pounds are invading central California waters and preying on local anchovy, hake and other commercial fish populations, according to a study published Tuesday. An aggressive predator, the Humboldt squid, shown above, — or Dosidicus gigas — can change its eating habits to consume the food supply favored by tuna and sharks, its closest competitors, according to an article in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. (AP)

ODD COUPLES

Game of Cat and Rat

A special Colombian police unit has been locking rats in cages with cats to train the rodents to sniff out land lines. Bringing the rats face to face with an enemy allows them to stay more focused once they are released, said veterinarian Luisa Mendez. (AP)



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Nation

Student Is Accused of Gun Threat

Police say college man referenced shooting at Va. Tech in his letter

EDWARDSVILLE, ILL. | A college fraternity president and aspiring rapper

who was accused of threatening a "murderous rampage" similar to April's deadly shooting spree at Virginia Tech pleaded not guilty Wednesday.



Oduwole

A gun dealer had alerted federal authorities about Olutosin Oduwole, saying he had seemed overly anxious to get an online shipment of semiautomatic weapons, according to an affidavit filed in court by a police detective.

The Southern Illinois University student was arrested Friday after police said they found a handwritten note in his car demanding payment to a PayPal account, threatening that "if this account doesn't reach \$50,000 in the next 7 days then a murderous rampage similar to the VT shooting will occur at another highly populated university. THIS IS NOT A JOKE!"

Oduwole was charged Tuesday with making a terrorist threat. He was being held on a total of \$1.1 million bail. (AP)

Contempt Citation Moves Forward

Democrats continue to fight Bush's claim of executive privilege

WASHINGTON | The House Judiciary Committee approved a contemptof-Congress citation Wednesday against White House Chief of Staff Joshua Bolten and one-time counsel Harriet Miers, setting up a constitutional confrontation over the firings of federal prosecutors.

The Justice Department said it would block the citation from prosecution because information Congress is demanding is protected by executive privilege. The Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi said the House effort was important nonetheless.

The contempt proceedings, she said, "are part of a broader effort by House Democrats to restore our nation's fundamental system of checks and balances."



The House Judiciary Committee, led by Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., right, approved a contempt citation against White House aides who have defied subpoenas.

Wednesday's action followed nearly seven months of a Democratic-driven investigation into

whether the U.S. attorney firings were directed by the White House to influence corruption cases in





Rolten

Miers

favor of Republican candidates. The administration has denied that but also has invoked executive privilege to deny access to internal White House deliberations on the matter.

The 22-17 committee vote — which would sanction the pair for failure to comply with subpoenas on the firings — advanced the citation to the full House. A vote there is possible later this year.

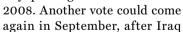
If the contempt citation wins support in the full House, it would then be forwarded to the U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia.

Democrats Push New Iraq Proposal

Rep. Murtha predicts Republicans will back bill after Sept. report

WASHINGTON | House Democrats have drafted new Iraq legislation they hope will appeal to Republicans fed up with the war: Start withdrawing troops in two months, but leave it up to President Bush to decide when to complete the pullout.

The vote will come next week, as members take up a \$460 billion bill covering military spending for



commander Gen. David Petraeus delivers a long-anticipated assessment on the war and Congress considers a \$142 billion measure needed to finance the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"This is big-time," Rep. John Murtha, D-Pa., said of the upcoming fall debate. "When you get to September, this is history. This is when we're going to have a real confrontation with the president trying to work things out."

The House has passed similar anti-war measures in the past but has been unable to push the legislation through the Senate, where Democrats hold a slimmer majority and Republicans have routinely blocked such bills from advancing.

Murtha said he has his sights set on September, and thinks that, by then, Republicans and the White House will jump on board.

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IMMORTALIZED: Kermit the Frog and Miss Piggy are going to make Atlanta their home. The city's Center for Puppetry Arts has been chosen to be the definitive museum of Muppets creator Jim Henson, the Henson family announced Wednesday.

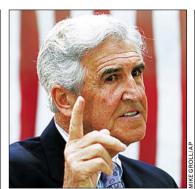


Spitzer's Staff May Face Subpoenas

Aides allegedly used state police to spy on governor's GOP rival

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. | New York Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno said Wednesday that a state Senate committee with subpoena power may investigate an alleged plot by two of Gov. Eliot Spitzer's aides to smear the governor's Republican nemesis.

The two Spitzer aides had



State Sen. Joseph Bruno wants an investigation of Gov. Spitzer's office.

refused to be interviewed during Attorney General Andrew Cuomo's investigation into the alleged misuse of state police to track Bruno's use of state aircraft and state drivers.

No one broke the law, the attorney general determined, but his report released this week said Spitzer spokesman Darren Dopp and a state homeland security official, William Howard, sought records about Bruno's travel for political gain.

Spitzer said Tuesday he had been

unaware of the effort.

Bruno said Wednesday that it wasn't enough. He said the Senate committee may launch its own investigation that could include subpoenas to Spitzer or his staff.

"I believe, for the first time in the history of this state, an executive — the governor's office — has seen fit to abuse the power of that office to spy and track and attempt to really destroy what apparently the governor's office considers a political rival," Bruno said. (AP)

In Brief

SAN DIEGO

Former Hospital Worker Sentenced for Molestation

A former respiratory therapist at a children's hospital was sentenced to more than 45 years in prison Wednesday for molesting five disabled children and taking pornographic photographs of others. Prosecutors said Wayne Albert Bleyle, 56, targeted patients who were comatose, brain-damaged or too disabled to speak during his 10 years of work at Rady Children's Hospital in San Diego. (AP)



A series of blasts at a gas plant forced evacuations Wednesday in Dallas.

DALLAS

Series of Explosions Scatter Debris on Roads, Buildings

A series of explosions at a gas facility on Wednesday sent flaming debris raining onto highways and buildings near downtown Dallas, injuring at least three people. Authorities evacuated a half-mile area surrounding the Southwest Industrial Gases Inc. facility and shut down parts of two interstate highways, snarling traffic for miles. (AP)

Sudan Ordered To Pay Families Of Killed Sailors

RICHMOND, VA. | A federal judge on Wednesday ordered the Sudanese government to pay nearly \$8 million to the families of 17 sailors killed in the 2000 terrorist attack on the Navy's USS Cole in Yemen.

The families had sought \$105 million, but U.S. District Judge Robert G. Doumar said that by law he was not able to award the families damages for mental anguish and emotional distress. Doumar applied the Death on the High Seas Act, which permits compensation for economic losses.

The families allege that the Khartoum government provided support, including money and training, that allowed al-Qaeda to attack the Norfolk-based destroyer. (AP)

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HEADFIRST: Street performer David Marcus dives through the arms of a tourist as he performs for people waiting in line for the Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Ferry in Battery Park on Tuesday. Lengthy ferry waits, a longtime complaint of statue visitors, could ease when the boats that serve Liberty and Ellis islands switch hands in the coming months.





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Nation



NO SYMPATHY: Some call it the devil's number, but San Francisco's taxi commission sees no reason to get rid of taxi medallion **No.** 666. Cabdriver Michael Byrne had asked the agency to retire the number, saying it has brought him nothing but bad luck, but the commission voted against it.

Veterans Panel Urges Better Care

Commission calls for drastic changes to military health system

A presidential commission examining the care given to wounded U.S. service members yesterday recommended "fundamental changes" to simplify the military's health care bureaucracy and overhaul the veterans disability system for the first time in more than half a century.

The commission, led by former Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan., and former Health and Human Services Secretary Donna E. Shalala, traveled to the White House Wednesday morning to brief President Bush on their findings and press the White House for quick action.

"We left there feeling the ball's in their court now," Dole said.



President Bush meets Wednesday with Bob Dole, second from left, and Donna Shalala, center, the co-chairs of the presidential commission on veterans' care.

On Wednesday afternoon, Bush announced that he had instructed Secretary of Defense Robert M.

Gates and Secretary of Veterans Affairs R. James Nicholson "to look at every one of these recom-

SYSTEM OVERHAUI

Among the recommendations made by the presidential commission on veterans' care:

- → Boost staff and money for Walter Reed until it closes in the coming years.
- → Require training in post-traumatic stress and traumatic brain injuries for military leaders, and VA and Pentagon personnel.
- → Provide better support for the families and friends of injured soldiers, who often have to relocate to provide care.

mendations, to take them seriously, and to implement them."

At the commission's meeting at the Ronald Reagan Building, which followed the session with Bush, members unanimously approved a package of six broad recommendations, termed "landmark" by Shalala. "We ... knew Band-Aids were not going to cut it," she said.

The red tape that has been the hallmark of the military medical system would be attacked by assigning each seriously injured service member a "recovery coordinator" who would shepherd the patient through every phase of the process, including care, rehabilitation and disability.

The proposed overhaul of the disability system would include giving the Department of Veterans Affairs sole responsibility for determining disability payments for wounded veterans, ending the current "confusing" system in which the military services and VA issue parallel and often conflicting disability ratings.

"These are doable," Shalala said at a press conference. "I told the president that I almost brought my Nike T-shirt that says, 'Just do it." STEVE VOGEL (THE WASHINGTON POST)



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FEEL THE BURN: Norwegian researchers are calling for bold humans to bare their arms and be stung by jellyfish — in the name of science. Testing a new sunscreen aimed at protecting against jellyfish stings, the University of Oslo needs volunteers who are willing to be stung.

World

Deadly Blasts Hit Iraq Soccer Fans

2 suicide bombings kill at least 50 reveling in Asian Cup victory

BAGHDAD | The dream run of Iraq's national soccer team captivated an otherwise despairing nation. But even in its moment of joy — the Iraqis are in the Asian Cup finals for the first time ever — violence struck Wednesday.

Two suicide bombings killed at least 50 cheering, dancing, flagwaving Iraqis celebrating their national triumph. More than 130 other revelers were wounded.

The attacks bore the hallmarks of Sunni militants who have fueled the violence tearing at the fragile fabric of Iraq for nearly four years. But these bombings, in parked cars less than an hour apart in separate corners of Baghdad, appeared designed to gain attention rather than target a particular sect.

An ice cream parlor was the backdrop for the first attack. A suicide attacker exploded his car in a crowd of people cheering near the al-Riwad shop in the Sunni Mansour neighborhood in west Baghdad, according to the Interior Ministry. At least 30 people were killed and 75 wounded, the ministry said.



CYCLE OF VIOLENCE: Mourners in N a jaf carry the coffin of an Iraqi army of ficer M onday who was killed in clashes in Baqouba.

The second suicide car bombing took place in the midst of dozens of vehicles filled with revelers near an Iraqi army checkpoint in the eastern district of Ghadeer, where an uneasy mix of Sunnis, Shiites and Christians live. At least 20 people died and nearly 60 were wounded, the ministry said.

Political Discord

→ Iraq's largest Sunni political group will end all participation in the national government next week unless Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki complies with a lengthy list of demands, the group said Wednesday. | Today, A Section

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Ahmed Sattar, who makes a living selling kebabs, asked what could motivate the attacker.

"I can't imagine what I had seen," said the 28-year-old Shiite. "The terrorist changed the happiness to sorrow. The place of joy was converted to a massacre in a matter of seconds. I'm wondering why." (AP)

In Brief



A resident of Oxford, England, uses a boat to navigate flooding Wednesday.

OXFORD ENGLAND

Oxford University Escapes Major Damage From Floods

Oxford University escaped Britain's worst floods in 60 years as waters pushed through the Thames Valley on Wednesday. Most of the ancient university's buildings were perched above swollen waterways that forced nearly 100 residents to flee. Water levels peaked late Wednesday in the city but other communities west of London were taking precautions as forecasters predicted water levels would crest Thursday. (AP)

BOGOTA, COLOMBIA

Talks With Paramilitaries Stall Over Court Decision

Colombia's peace process with farright paramilitaries was close to collapsing Wednesday after jailed militia warlords halted their confessions to prosecutors. The paramilitaries are fuming over a Supreme Court decision this month to disavow the 2003 peace pact that led to the demobilization of 31,000 right-wing irregulars. (AP)

ATHENS, GREECE

Europe Swelters as Intense Heat Wave Causes Deaths

Southern Europe sweltered under the summer's second major heat wave Wednesday as firefighters battled blazes raging in Greece, Italy and Macedonia. The heat killed an 81-year-old woman in northern Greece, and a man died in a blaze that consumed homes outside the town of Aegio. Officials have attributed dozens of other deaths to the heat, including 33 in Romania. (AP)

British PM Eyes Plan for Tougher Terror Measures

LONDON | Prime Minister Gordon Brown set out plans for tough new anti-terrorism laws Wednesday, saying police need greater powers to hold and question terror suspects in increasingly complex and global plots.

Addressing lawmakers before Parliament went into recess for two months, Brown said one option under consideration was extending the time that police can question terror suspects. Currently, suspects need to be charged or released within 28 days.

Brown is likely to face widespread opposition from lawmakers and civil liberties groups. (AP)

Afghan Militants Kill Korean Hostage

Dead captive was among 23 foreigners abducted by Taliban

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN | Afghan police discovered the bullet-riddled body of a male hostage on Wednesday, one of 23 South Koreans kidnapped by the Taliban last week.

Because of a recent spike in kidnappings — including an attempt against a Danish citizen Wednesday — police announced foreigners were no longer allowed to leave the Afghan capital without their permission.

The South Korean victim was found with 10 bullet holes in his head, chest and stomach in the Mushaki area of Qarabagh dis-



A relative of one of the kidnapped South Koreans waits for news in Seoul.

trict in Ghazni province, the region where the group was seized July 19 while riding a bus, said police officer Abdul Rahman. A police official, who asked not to be identified because of the sensitivity of the situation, said militants told him the hostage was sick and couldn't walk and was therefore shot. A South Korean public broadcaster, KBS, identified the victim as 42-year-old pastor Bae Hyung-kyu.

Marajudin Pathan, the governor of Ghazni province, said the militants were still holding the remaining 22 South Korean hostages.

Pathan said authorities were in contact with kidnappers early Thursday trying to secure the Koreans' freedom. The militants gave a list of eight Taliban prisoners who they want released in exchange for eight Koreans, he said. AMIR SHAH (AP)

World



RE-GIFTED: An iPod from Arnold Schwarzenegger, coins from the emir of Kuwait and a tea set from the president of Sri Lanka are among the gifts ex-British Prime Minister Tony Blair left behind in government care when he resigned last month, records show.

Libya Pushes Renewal of Diplomacy

France's Sarkozy meets with Gadhafi after release of medics

TRIPOLI, LIBYA | French President Nicolas Sarkozy promised to boost relations with long-isolated Libya as he met with the oil-rich country's leader, Moammar Gadhafi, on Wednesday as a reward for releasing six Bulgarian medical workers.

Libya is hoping for increased cooperation with Europe and the U.S. after it freed the six, who had been held since 1999 on charges they infected children with AIDS.

The medics had twice been sentenced to death for allegedly infecting about 426 children in the coastal city of Benghazi in the late 1990s — charges that were widely denounced abroad as false. Libya



BEGINNING AGAIN: Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi, left, shakes hands with French President Nicolas Sarkozy during Sarkozy's trip to Tripoli on Wednesday.

commuted their sentences to life in prison and allowed them to fly on Tuesday to Bulgaria, where they

received a presidential pardon.

During Sarkozy's visit, France and Libya signed wide-ranging

cooperation agreements covering areas including defense, health and civilian nuclear power.

The European Union also agreed to a package of aid for Libya and the prospect of increased trade ties.

Bulgarian Prime Minister Sergei Stanishev said his country might write off the \$54 million debt owed to it by Libya — although he underlined that it was a humanitarian gesture that should not be seen as "paying ransom."

Bulgaria's pardon of the medics brought an angry denunciation from a Libyan group representing the children's families.

"We deeply condemn and are deeply disappointed at the absurdity and disrespect shown by the Bulgarian presidential pardon," the association said in a statement. MICHEL EULER (AP)

Brazil's Aviation Chief Fired After Deadly Jet Crash

SAO PAULO, BRAZIL | President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva fired Brazil's top aviation official Wednesday, hoping to end nearly a year of air travel chaos that has become a national crisis since last week's jetliner crash killed 199 people.

Defense Minister Waldir Pires came under withering criticism for failing to resolve problems in the military-run aviation system. His replacement is former Supreme Court President Nelson Jobim, who now must make good on Silva's promise for new safety measures and a third airport to serve the huge metropolis of Sao Paulo.

"It's no secret to any Brazilian that we have an aviation crisis," Silva said. "Every time the airplane door closes, I deliver myself to God." (AP)

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BIG BUCKS: Starbucks Corp. and its Mexican partner said Wednesday they have agreed to expand into Argentina and increase the number of their coffee shops in Chile. The announcement underscores the growing popularity of the coffee chain in Latin America.

World

Chinese Share Pain of Faulty Goods

From plastic surgery to toothpaste, move is on for consumer rights

BEIJING | Liu Chang no longer has full use of her left hand, and the headaches get more piercing each year. But the egg-sized lump in her cheek is the most unbearable reminder of how an injection that was supposed to make her prettier destroyed her life instead.

Liu was in her mid-30s when a doctor in the southern boomtown of Shenzhen recommended a "shaping" shot of a so-called miracle gel to shave years off her face. Instead, the procedure led to disfigurement, chronic pain and depression. So last fall, she joined more than 50 other women in a lawsuit against the maker of the gel.

"People stare at me like I'm a monster," said Liu, now 45 and living with her mother in Beijing. "I have no boyfriend, I have no job ... I finally decided I had to do something."



PRICE OF BEAUTY: A woman has her lips dyed at an exhibition in Bejing. The lure of beauty treatments has led some women to have procedures with shoddy products.

Liu is part of a burgeoning consumer rights movement in China, where victims of shoddy and outright dangerous products have long been unaware of their legal rights or had nowhere to turn for help.

Consumer associations have sprung up in every province, and the State Administration of Industry and Commerce says it received more than 4.6 million consumer complaints in 2006 alone. While

the success rate of those complaints is hard to track in a communist regime, the administration says it recovered \$103 million in all for consumers.

With growing prosperity, consumers are realizing they have the right to decent products. And the furor over contaminated Chinese exports such as toothpaste and pet food has drawn attention to shoddy consumer goods produced for domestic use. A Chinese regulator said this month that about 15 percent of China's products did not pass random safety checks.

Liu's odyssey offers a rare glimpse into the challenges confronting consumers in China.

"I was so gullible. I knew nothing," said Liu, sipping orange juice through a straw in a Beijing cafe, her jaw stiff. "I wished at that time there was someone who could help me with my rights." AUDRA ANG (AP)

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U.N.: Attacks Spike on Aid Efforts in Darfur

CAIRO, EGYPT | A dramatic increase in attacks on aid convoys in Darfur is hampering the world's largest humanitarian operation, and some 170,000 people are now out of reach for food aid because of the violence, the U.N.'s World Food Programme said Wednesday.

Nine food convoys have been ambushed by gunmen across the war-torn region of western Sudan over the last two weeks alone, the WFP said in a statement.

The U.N. food agency condemned this "dramatic escalation in attacks on humanitarian staff and food convoys," which is endangering the WFP's "ability to deliver assistance to millions of hungry people."

The WFP's food distribution system in Darfur is the largest ongoing humanitarian effort in the world, employing nearly 800 people and more than 700 trucks to feed more than two million people every month. (AP)





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"In about 10 minutes' time, we can have a family with a place to sleep for the night," said Warhurst, a former firefighter who started PODS — Portable On Demand Storage - in 1998 and turned it into a market leader.

The PODS emergency housing unit, outfitted by Warsaw, Ind.based motor home manufacturer R-Vision, is only a prototype. But the PODS people are talking to the Federal Emergency Management Agency and Florida emergency management officials about ordering them to have on hand.

PODS would then store them and deploy them as needed from their many warehouses.

"They are suitable to sustain people. They are not elaborate where [residents] are not going to be motivated to get out of them," Warhurst said, referring to FEMA's troubles getting storm refugees to move out of temporary trailer parks.

Depending on extras, the shelter units cost between \$10,000 and \$13,000 to build. MITCH STACY (AP)

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Cigarettes May Get Graphic Labels

WASHINGTON | Cigarette packs would bear graphic warnings that illustrate the health risks of smoking under a provision added Wednesday to landmark tobacco legislation pending in a Senate committee.

The warnings would mimic those already used in Canada and elsewhere.

"These warnings convey the truth in no uncertain terms," said Sen. Mike Enzi, R-Wyo. Enzi opposes the overall bill, however, saying that it doesn't do enough to support smoking cessation programs.

The amendment was accepted as part of overall legislation that would give the Food and Drug

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Administration authority for the first time to regulate cigarettes and other tobacco products. The Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee began considering the bill Wednesday but delayed final action until Thursday after losing a quorum.

The bill has broad support in the Senate, where 52 senators have signed on as co-sponsors. (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

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SnapOn	55.61	+5.62	+11.2	SigaTech h	3.27	+.59	+22.0
Plantron	28.62	+2.85	+11.1	Ladish	49.45	+8.49	+20.7
Hornbeck	44.32	+4.39	+11.0	Iomai	1.83	+.05	+2.8
Losers				Losers			
Skechers	22.27	-6.06	-21.4	GPC Biot	13.16	-7.20	-35.4
RPC s	12.98	-2.27	-14.9	TargGenet	2.10	53	-20.2
Cnvrgys	20.45	-3.47	-14.5	SpectPh	3.96	84	-17.5
Perini Cp	63.00	-8.91	-12.4	HokuSci	9.39	-1.88	-16.7
AaronR	24.05	-3.17	-11.6	JkksPac	25.28	-4.64	-15.5

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	8.25	8.25
Fed Funds close	5.27	5.24
3-month disc	4.84	4.81
2-year	4.72	4.82
10-year	4.90	5.00
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Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

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Canadian Dollar	1.0416	1.0355	1.1415						
European Euro	.7295	.7230	.7947						
Japanese Yen	120.50	120.41	117.15						
Mexican Peso	10.8787	10.8259	10.8960						
Taiwanese Dollar	32.90	32.87	32.74						
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Citigrp	49.21	10	-11.6
DeutschBk	139.86	79	+5.0
JPMorgCh	45.27	07	-5.6
MitsuUFJ	11.01	+.30	-11.6
RoyalBk g	53.81	18	+12.9
TorDBk g	68.69	40	+16.4
UBS AG	56.48	83	-6.4
US Bancrp	31.14	+.24	-14.0
Wachovia	48.83	+.42	-14.3
WA Mutl	39.38	+.29	-13.4

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TORCH RUN: The Flame of Hope for the 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games will be making its only visit to Washington on Thursday. The event takes place on the 18th anniversary of the Americans With Disabilities Act, which was signed into law by former President Bush.

Local

Power Plant Proposed for Waldorf

First new facility in decades could help meet regional needs

WALDORF, MD. | The Washington region may see its first new power plant in decades after a local company announced plans to build a natural-gas powered facility in Charles County that would supply much-needed electricity to the mid-Atlantic grid.

Competitive Power Ventures Inc. announced plans Tuesday

to build the \$400 million cleanburning power plant near Waldorf, Md. The Silver Spring, Md.-based company said the new plant would employ modern technologies and reduce dependency on the older coal-burning plants that provide most of the Washington area's electricity.

The privately held company's plans call for a 600-megawatt plant, which would generate enough electricity for 600,000 homes.

The plans met with praise from

those concerned about an already overloaded power grid that serves a region with a rapidly growing population.

"That would be a significant addition of capacity and a welcome one," said Jim Owen of the Edison Electric Institute.

Officials in Charles County, the fastest-growing jurisdiction in southern Maryland, hailed the announcement as an economic development victory.

The plant would bring 400 new high-paying jobs, an estimated

\$2 million in annual tax revenue for the county and potentially lower rates for consumers.

"It adds supply, and the more supply you have, the better for prices," said Fadi Shadid, an energy analyst at Friedman, Billings, Ramsey & Co.

The plans for the plant, which county officials said would be built on 77 acres near an asphalt plant and a high-voltage power line, still need to be reviewed by the Maryland Public Service Commission. (AP)

Cab Driver Sentenced To 15 Years

NEW YORK | A Washington, D.C., cab driver who admitted he attended training camps in Pakistan was sentenced Wednesday to 15 years in prison after he was portrayed as eager to serve a terrorist group.

Mahmud Faruq Brent Al Mutazzim had earlier pleaded guilty to conspiring to help a terrorist organization, the Pakistani group Lashkar-e-Taiba.

Brent, who recently lived in Gwynn Oak, Md., waved and smiled in court but declined to speak before he was sentenced.

The judge said Brent went to Pakistan in 2002 to receive terrorist training from Lashkar-e-Taiba, which the U.S. designated a terrorist organization in 2001. His crime involved receiving the training and "then returning home to await his opportunity to put his training into action," Preska said. (AP)

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CROSSING THE CHANNEL: Ponies swim across the Assateague Channel during the 82nd annual Chincoteague Pony Swim on Wednesday. Every year, the island holds a pony penning the last Wednesday and Thursday of July. Chincoteague volunteer firefighters drive ponies across the channel from the wildlife refuge to the town so the refuge doesn't get overpopulated.

Teacher Charged With Sex Abuse

GLEN BURNIE, MD. | A local teacher has been fired and charged with sexually abusing one of his students.

Thomas Newman, 31, a teacher at South River High School in Anne Arundel County, has been charged with sex abuse of a minor and committing a fourth-degree sex offense.

Newman is no longer a county teacher. School leaders removed Newman in March after the allegations were made. The 16-year-old sophomore told her grandmother the story after Newman allegedly wrote sexually suggestive e-mails, reached inside her pants and kissed her in his classroom. (AP)

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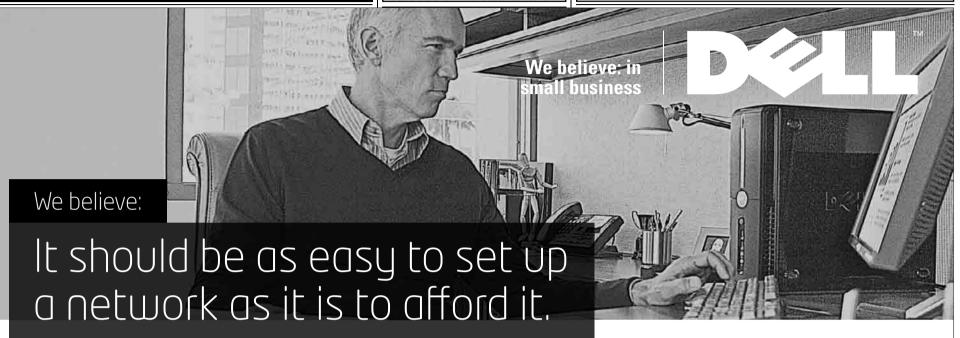
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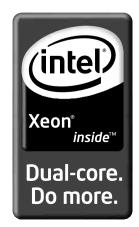
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The age of Chiefs running back Priest Holmes, who has informed the team that he intends to report to training camp on Saturday. The 5-foot-9 back hasn't played since Oct. 30, 2005, when a hit by Shawne Merriman left him with head and neck injuries.

Sports

In Brief



Center Brooks Laich, left, was awarded a \$725,000 contract by an arbitrator.

CAPITALS

Capitals Re-Sign Center Laich to a 1-Year Contract

Center Brooks Laich re-signed with the Washington Capitals on Monday after being awarded a one-year, \$725,000 contract by an arbitrator. Laich had his hearing on Monday. He made about \$600,000 last year, and the Capitals had made a qualifying offer of \$660,000 to the restricted free agent. Laich, 24, played in 73 games last season, scoring eight goals with 10 assists. (AP)

ORIOLES

Birds Put Ray on the DL

Right-hander Chris Ray was placed on the 15-day disabled list Wednesday by the Baltimore Orioles, who hope an extended rest will enable their closer to recover from a sore elbow. Ray began to feel discomfort in the elbow Saturday and was not available in a save situation Sunday. The injury could ultimately require surgery, but the Orioles are not yet ready to consider that option. (AP)

TODAY'S TV LINEUR

NATIONALS (I P.M. ON MASN2) The Nats wrap up their series with the Phillies with an afternoon game.

ORIOLES (12:35 P.M. ON MASN) Vacation's over for the Orioles, who play their last games against the Devil Rays.

CYCLING (8:30 A.M. ON VERSUS) The race is turned upside-down with doping allegations. Tune in to see who survives.

BASEBALL (7 P.M. ON TBS) Keep watching Barry Bonds' Giants play the Braves to see whether his arms will get any bigger—and whether he will hit any more HRs.

SOCCER (7 P.M. ON ESPN) The New York Red Bulls host Chivas USA.

Broken Record: Tour Leader Is Out

Rasmussen removed from race by sponsor due to testing issues

CYCLING | Tour de France leader Michael Rasmussen was removed from the race by his team after winning Wednesday's stage, the biggest blow yet in cycling's doping-tainted premier event.

"Michael Rasmussen has been sent home for violating [the team's] internal rules," Rabobank team spokesman Jacob Bergsma told The Associated Press by phone.

The expulsion, which Bergsma said was ordered by the Dutch team sponsor, was linked to "incorrect" information that Rasmussen gave to the team's sports director over his whereabouts last month. Rasmussen, who also has been suspended from the team, missed random drug tests May 8 and June 28, saying he was in Mexico. But a former rider, Davide Cassani, told Denmark's Danmarks Radio that he had seen Rasmussen in Italy in mid-June.



Michael Rasmussen won Wednesday's stage before being kicked out of the Tour.

The 33-year-old Danish rider, who's led since July 15, looked set to win the race which ends on Sunday in Paris.

With Rasmussen out, Spanish rider Alberto Contador of the Dis-

covery Channel team moved into the race lead.

After the Tour's upbeat start in London, when millions of spectators lined the streets, bad news — nearly all of it related to doping — quickly



Cofidis rider Cristian Moreni, center, is led away by police on Wednesday.

claimed the spotlight.

German rider Patrick Sinkewitz crashed into a spectator, and then was revealed to have failed a drug test in training before the race began.

Then on Tuesday, star cyclist Alexandre Vinokourov was sent home after testing positive for a banned blood transfusion, and his team pulled out of the race. On Wednesday, it happened again when the Cofidis squad confirmed its rider Cristian Moreni of Italy had failed a doping test, prompting the withdrawal of the entire squad. (AP)

Mystics Have It All — Except Fans

Despite a new TV deal, league still struggles to bring in spectators

MYSTICS | The Washington Mystics last home game had nearly everything a basketball fan could want: great jump-shooting, dominant post-play, aggressive team defense, a thrilling overtime finish, and even a 47-point performance by Lauren Jackson. But something seemed missing: From the rafters through the front row, there were empty seats where fans should have been.

Despite their location in the cavernous Verizon Center, Mystics games often have an intimate feel. As the WNBA races toward the conclusion of its 11th season, the Mystics' troubles mirror their leagues'.

The WNBA's attendance has dropped each of the past four seasons. Longtime Mystics season ticket holder Christina Voss joins many



Guard Alana Beard plays against the backdrop of a mostly empty Verizon Center.

others in believing that, for the fifth consecutive season, "There seems to be fewer people at games than there were last year." The Mystics' average announced attendance — a figure that often strains credulity — was 7,838 last year.

Similarly, the audience for WNBA games on ESPN2 has been

shrinking — averaging 240,462 per game last year — and ABC recently announced that it will cut its WNBA broadcasts from five games per year to two. Meanwhile, the Mystics are alone in the WNBA in lacking a local TV contract.

The WNBA points to the fact that attendance for last year's play-

offs was actually up 29.6 percent from 2005, and the league did recently sign a TV contract with ESPN/ABC that will bring in rights fees for the first time.

"It's a tremendous vote of confidence," WNBA president Donna Orender said of the contract. "It's a tremendous vote of affirmation and validation of 11 years of hard work of the athletes of the WNBA, the consistent growth of talent that we have and the growth in our fan

The Mystics' DeLisha Milton-Jones, who recently became the 20th WNBA player to score 3,000 points, believes that the generation of female athletes currently in college will help revitalize the WNBA when they arrive, due to their "ability to play above the rim."

For 10-year season ticket-holder Marsha Lyons, the recipe for filling the arena is simpler: "Win. If you don't win, they won't come."

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Sports

Briggs Changes Mind, Agrees to Bears Deal

Chicago linebacker signs 1-vear contract as team's franchise player

NFL | Pro Bowl linebacker Lance Briggs, who had threatened to sit out the season, agreed Wednesday to a one-year, \$7.2 million deal with the Chicago Bears as the team's franchise player.

Briggs, who helped the Bears make the Super Bowl last season for the first time since 1985, had been unhappy when Chicago designated him as its franchise player. It meant he would get the average of the top five salaries at his position but restricted his ability to explore free agency because the Bears could match any offer.

Briggs earned \$721,600 in the final season of his first NFL contract after he reportedly rejected a six-year, \$33 million offer last spring. At one point in the offseason, Briggs told the Bears to remove the tag or trade



Briggs

him. A potential deal with the Redskins didn't materialize.

"I've played my last snap for them. I'll never play another down for Chicago again,"

Briggs said during the offseason.

Now, he will.

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STEAL HERS: A man with a history of impersonating Pittsburgh Steelers players was given jail time Wednesday for persuading a woman to loan him \$3,200 while he pretended to be tight end Jerame Tuman. Brian Jackson, 33, was sentenced to 90 days in jail and placed on probation for five years.



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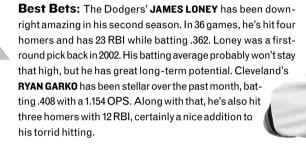
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Investing in Bonds May Not Pay Off

Historic home run ball could actually be costly for some 'lucky' fan

BASEBALL | As San Francisco Giants slugger Barry Bonds closes in on Hank Aaron's career home-run record, a thorny question looms: If you're the lucky fan who catches the record-breaking home run ball, what are the tax consequences?

"Everyone's sure they know the right answer, but there's very little agreement" on what it is, says Phillip Mann, a former head of the American Bar Association tax section.

Bonds, who turned 43 Tuesday, is only three homers away from eclipsing Aaron's record of 755. On Wednesday night, the Giants were scheduled to play the Braves in San Francisco.

Common sense might suggest the answer is simple: The lucky fan who catches the historic ball shouldn't owe tax until he or she sells it. But relying on common sense to interpret tax laws can often lead to trouble. When asked whether any fan who has ever caught a valuable home-run ball has had to pay tax on it before selling it, an IRS official declined to comment.

Some professors, such as Alice Abreu of Temple Law School, feel



Bonds

strongly the answer is clear. "It's taxable income" to the fan the instant that person catches the ball, Abreu replies. Lawyers say this view log-

ically stems from cases saying that someone who finds a "treasure trove" owes tax on it right away.

But other lawyers disagree. They also say it's highly unlikely that the IRS would be willing to risk the wrath of a baseball-loving nation by taxing the fan right away. TOM HERMAN (THE WALL STREET JOURNAL)



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Ginn Completes Merger With DEI

Owner saw deal as way to keep his NASCAR team in competition

AUTO RACING | Bobby Ginn had grand plans to build a contender when he bought a NASCAR team last summer. But he learned rather quickly that winning takes a lot of money, and without solid sponsorships, it's almost impossible to do.

Faced with scaling back his program to a noncompetitive level, Ginn instead merged his organization with Dale Earnhardt Inc. on Wednesday to form a four-car team that will debut this weekend at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

"We absolutely would have survived without merging, but what we would have wound up doing is taken on lesser sponsors," Ginn told The Associated Press in a Wednesday telephone interview.

"We would have had to continue to cut costs, and that is disgraceful to me. I am proud of the merger. I would not have been proud of putting a car out there that couldn't

compete."



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The new deal makes Ginn a partner at DEI, which had been owned outright by the Dale Earnhardt's widow, Teresa.

She remains the majority owner under the merger. Dale Earnhardt Jr. will contin-

ue to drive the No. 8 Chevrolet for DEI for the remainder of the season. and Martin Truex Jr. remains in the No. 1 Chevy. Jenna fryer (AP)

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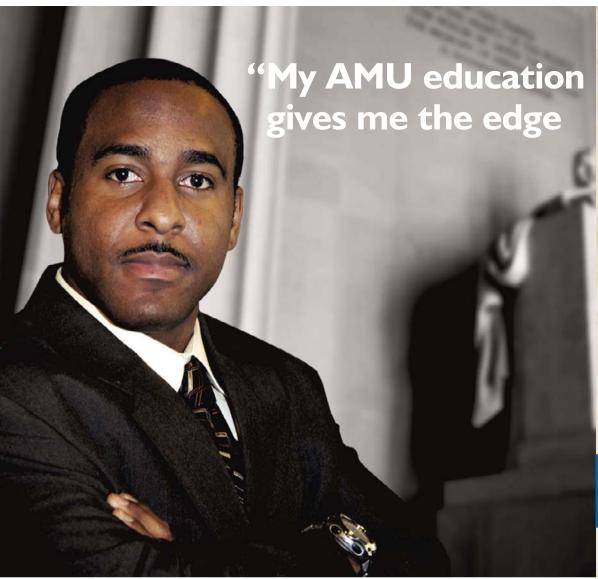
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MUSIC ROYALTY: Prince's new album, "Planet Earth," is stylistically diverse.

Prince of The Planet

This prolific artist's new album sounds like his many selves

MUSIC | Prince must wake up some mornings — or, let's be realistic, afternoons — and wish he never had recorded "Purple Rain." Dozens of albums into his career, with a sound as sharp and renewable as anyone's in pop history, he's still slapping away the assumption that he peaked in the 1980s.

Lately, he's been getting attention for innovative sidesteps, playing in unusual spots such as the Roosevelt Hotel in Hollywood and giving away close to 3 million copies of his new album to lucky Brits in last week's Mail on Sunday newspaper. But the music at the center of this latest whirl of activity still will be judged against the 49-year-old rebel's youthful landmarks.

On "Planet Earth," Prince confronts this problem by creating a cunning homage to himself. This tour of the master's cabinet of wonders opens with a spiritually minded power ballad that evokes 1987's "The Cross" without imitating it; the kundalini-stimulating slowjams and genre-hopping hook-fests that follow — a few reuniting Prince with

Wendy and Lisa, the main muses of his big-hair heyday — explore old themes with just enough variation to stimulate affection instead of a vawn.

What each listener likes will depend on the corner of Prince's aural empire he or she fancies. So far, many prefer "Chelsea Rodgers," a funk throw-down about a book-reading model who "likes to talk to Jimi's ghost," with Prince's new favorite Earth mama, Shelby J, nabbing the vocal lead.

The pimp rap "Mr. Goodnight" also deserves mention for its smooth delivery and lyrics that would have fit into the script of "Under the Cherry Moon." "I got a mind full of good intentions and a mouth full of Raisinets," Prince murmurs. Just listen to that eyebrow rise.

Pulled forward by a kick-drum and a thick current of open-tuned guitar, "Lion of Judah" is a cry from the wilderness — whatever wilderness a multimillionaire pop star experiences — blending scriptural references, bedroom musings and even a veiled reference to John Lennon's "Instant Karma." It's Prince now, as conflicted, imaginative and wonderfully weird as ever.



REAL SHOCKER: Oprah Winfrey tops the list of highest-paid television stars in the U.S., earning an estimated \$260 million per year. The surprise was that second place went to "American Idol's" Simon Cowell, who trails O only by about \$215 million.

Entertainment

Quasi-Magic Man

People try to read minds and become superheroes on Sci Fi

TRICKS | The new six-part series "Mind Control With Derren Brown" (10 p.m., Sci Fi) straddles the line between magic and con-artistry. Brown guesses how much cash pedestrians have in their wallets just by looking at them. He sweet-talks three attractive models by "guessing" the kinds of pickup lines that melt their hearts and then proceeds to get perfect strangers to hand him their wallets, cell phones and other valuables.



CON-MAGICIAN: Is Brown psychic, or is he just doing some serious leg pulling?

While not an illusionist, Brown uses the magic of television editing to good effect. After all, we never see how many guesses fail or how many strangers tell him to buzz off.

Brown's series debuts after the second-season premiere of "Who Wants to Be a Superhero?" (9 p.m., Sci Fi). Comic-book creator Stan Lee puts 10 costumed crime fighters through the paces in this highly entertaining game of skill, brazen exhibitionism and elimination.

This year's worthies include a dust-busting orphan named Hygena; Basura the bug wrangler; Braid, a martial artist who puts her hair extensions to good use; and Mr. Mitzvah, who employs a Star of David paddle to repel bullets and mete out justice. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

ON TV TONIGHT

THE REALITY OF WEALTH

WELCOME TO THE PARKER (10 p.m., Bravo) offers a behind-the-scenes peek at a posh five-star hotel resort in Palm Springs, Calif.

AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH

The heartbreaking Oscar-winning documentary short **THE BLOOD OF YINGZHOU DISTRICT** (7 p.m., Cinemax) looks at a poor
Chinese village where tainted needles have infected impoverished peasants who had resorted to selling their blood for money.

NO PRESSURE

Jenna's film opens on **30 ROCK** (8:30 p.m., NBC).

MAIN CHARACTERS DON'T DIE

Meredith has a near-death experience on **GREY'S ANATOMY** (9 p.m., ABC).



POWERFUL: A documentary about AIDS in Yingzhou District airs tonight.

IT'S RAINING MEN

Peggy fends off several suitors on **MAD MEN** (10 p.m., AMC).

COUNTRY MEETS TRIP HOP

LeAnn Rimes, Massive Attack on LIVE FROM ABBEY ROAD (10 p.m., Sundance).
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Freiburg, Germany, is a pioneering force for renewable energy

Rolf Disch has harnessed the sun in his city of Freiburg, starting with his own house.

It looks like an upside-down Apollo spacecraft and serves as a testing ground for ideas dreamed up by the 63-year-old solar architect.

The home slowly turns with the sun to charge a billboard-sized solar panel on the roof, and the waterless toilet emits an occasional malodorous whiff. Hanna Lehmann, Disch's wife, says she doesn't mind these features but admits she'd like to have a freezer, except that it would eat up too much electricity for her husband's liking.

"I miss my Campari on ice," she said.

Disch and his city are pioneers in energy saving, and a growing number of ecotourists flock here to admire his house, known as the Heliotrope, from the Greek words for "sun" and "turn." Across the city, solar panels are on everything from the soccer stadium to entire neighborhoods with homes that produce

more energy than they use.

With its focus on solar energy, Freiburg demonstrates the progress that can be made by promoting, developing and using renewable energy. But the city of more than 200,000 in the sunny southwestern corner of the country also is an example of how far technology in the solar sector has to go—it

For the time being, it's still very small, but the qualitative aspect is ... strong."

THOMAS DRESEL, FREIBURG EPA

produces less than 1 percent of its electricity from the sun.

Residents boast that Freiburg's solar power roots go back to a protest in 1975 against plans for a nuclear plant. "They didn't want nuclear power in their backyards and fields," said Thomas Dresel of the city's Environmental Protection Agency.

The protest also drew experts who helped develop alternative energy solutions, Dresel said. The region now has more than 900 solar installations and is home to leading research institutions and companies working to make renewable

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SUN SPOT: The sun reflects off the Sonnenschiff, or "Solar Ship," community center in Freiburg, Germany, an eco-friendly city.

Solar City

energy more practical.

Germany as a whole has followed Freiburg's lead in trying to save energy, encouraged by the environmentally friendly Green Party that was in former Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder's governing coalition. In 2000, Germany decided to phase out nuclear plants by 2020.

Although most Freiburgers still live under traditional tile roof homes, homes built in the city's renovated Vauban district must adhere to low-energy standards.



German architect Rolf Disch tries to maximize the sun's energy in his work.

These include triple-thick glass windows and walls of compressed natural materials, which help create all the energy they will need.

These "passive" houses lie in a zone with strict limits on car traffic. Some cynics poke fun at the spectacle of solar panels mounted on a parking garage, but Freiburgers generally have embraced the culture of renewable energy sources.

For all Freiburg's efforts to use renewable energy, Dresel acknowledges that the sun generates just 0.74 percent of his city's electricity supply.

"For the time being, it's still very small, but the qualitative aspect is very strong," Dresel said. "This creates momentum for the future."

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Hollywood's Big Issue

Weight

'Hairspray' is a rare movie that celebrates plus-size women

The ladies of "Hairspray" are a rarity in fat-phobic Hollywood, whose obsession with willowy women is so strong that the idea of a corpulent heroine is almost unheard of.

The new big-screen musical, with lyrics that include a line about women's "extra large largesse" shining through, debuted July 20. The filmmakers hope it will help open moviegoers' minds to the notion that people of ample proportions deserve their Hollywood close-ups.

Curvier women such as Mae West, Jayne Mansfield, Marilyn Monroe and Jane Russell were far more common in old Hollywood, but the outright portly, like "Hairspray" lead character Tracy Turnblad, have hardly ever gotten their day as lead characters.

"Growing up, all I saw were the



Nikki Blonsky goes against type as a leading lady in the plus-size "Hairspray."

really thin actors and pop singers of the world. Everybody was so thin and tall and blond and everything I was not," said Nikki Blonsky, the hefty, 4-foot-10 newcomer who plays Tracy. "Do I have to be like them to make it into the business? I thought, 'No, I'm going to find a way to make it in just as somebody different.'

"I think that's what I'm really trying to accomplish here, and that's why I'm so excited to have the movie open and show these little Every-body

was so thin and tall and blond and everything I was not."

NIKKI BLONSKY. "HAIRSPRAY"

kids out there who may be thinking like I was, 'Oh, God, all I see are these thin girls. Do I have to be like them?' No, you don't."

The movie is based on the Broadway musical (based on John Waters' movie) about teenager Tracy, a plump sweetheart who sets out to appear on a 1960s TV dance program in Baltimore and ends up leading a fight to integrate the show.

Tracy also sings and dances up a storm, gets the hunkiest guy in town, becomes a TV darling and foils the schemes of the station's exbeauty-queen manager (Michelle Pfeiffer).

As always in show business,

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women have a harder time than men if they are overweight, with stout male stars such as John Candy, John Belushi, John Goodman and Jack Black far more common than chubby females.

Beyond a few stars such as Roseanne Barr and Camryn Manheim on television or "Hairspray" co-star Queen Latifah, large women tend to get stuck in bit parts or stereotyped comic roles.

Even when roles call for women with some weight, they often go to trim stars who gain pounds for the part, such as Renee Zellweger did with "Bridget Jones's Diary" and Charlize Theron did with "Mon-

"Hairspray" also puts other chunky female characters, such as Latifah, front and center. Latifah's Motormouth Maybelle becomes Tracy's ally and sings one of the musical's best-loved tunes, "Big, Blonde and Beautiful."

'We are delighted to see a young, beautiful woman of size have an opportunity like this. About 65 percent of the American population is now considered overweight or obese, yet people of size are really underrepresented in the media, television and movies," said Peggy Howell, spokeswoman for the National Association to Advance Fat Acceptance. DAVID GERMAIN (AP)

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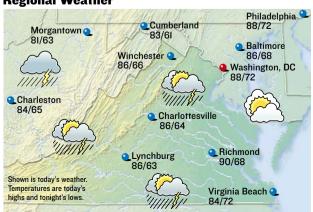






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Styles L



I Island Cat

Miami designers are looking into the sea for style inspiration

Take off the Bob Marley T-shirt. Hang up the guayabera. Stop looking like a tourist, say designers whose Caribbean styles are more than souvenirs.

Latin Americans, such as Colombian-born Esteban Cortazar, still reign over Miami's fashion scene. But in a sunbaked city where skin is always in, designers who call the Caribbean home have fashioned a style niche in ready-to-wear, lightweight clothes with brand names and colors evoking their native islands' music and patois.

Lightweight Luxury

Miami's hot weather and body-conscious attitude make it an extension of the nearby Caribbean, said Cuban-born designer Rene Ruiz. He found his designs had to not only fit well but also breathe.

"The couture, the clothes I make, is very lightweight. The suiting I do has a lot less inner lining," Ruiz said.

Miami also shares the Caribbean's more daring definition of glamour and elegance, said bridal and evening gown designer Angelique Terrelonge.

Women here demand the same luxury details found in other collections, but the trends have to be translated to fit a steamier scene, she said. The Jamaican-born designer wanted a collection in fur, but, obviously, there's no need here for an extra layer of warmth. Instead, she created a jacket made from fluffy pink ostrich feathers—she calls it "South Beach Fur."

Compa

jeans, left,

fit a curvy girl's

proportions. Right, an island-

inspired dress by Rene Ruiz.

What Fits in the Tropics

Fede Prudhomme built his Compa



played with the name of the upbeat dance music popular in Haiti so his jeans also would appeal to Spanish speakers recognizing a word for "rhythm" or a slang term for "friend."

Reggae for Grown-Ups

Rockers It's Dangerous applies a red, gold and green flourish to almost everything it makes. Founded by transplanted New Yorkers
Joy Haizen and Jake Jacobson, the brand developed from a licensing deal with Blue Sun Film
Co. to distribute the 1978 cult reggae film "Rockers."
Haizen

Haizen
said the
color combo
symbolizes more
than just reggae
music and its stars.

"Reggae is associated with the beach," she said, and the color combination "means excitement, summer, rebellion, cool."

A growing acceptance of tropical hues and prints in menswear have boosted sales for Haitian

66 Man, we need to

come up with the right specifications for these curvy women."

FEDE PRUDHOMME. COMPA JEANS

brothers Patrick and Fabrice Tardieu and their Bogosse label. They spice up classic European-style dress shirts with lighter colors and playful details, such as their signature diagonal buttonholes and a notch in the cuff to show off a wristwatch. Pink is the brightest color that pops out in the "shirt room" at the Tardieus' suburban Miami offices.

"Before, in pink, it was very difficult to sell. Now it is one of our best-selling colors,"

Fabrice Tardieu said. "It shows men want to do more for them-

do more for themselves and dare to do more." JENNIFER KAY (AP)

Jewelry



On a TV Near You

She may have been snubbed in her father's will, but actress Tori Spelling seems to have found some kind of treasure chest anyway, as she recently created a line of gold-one jewelry for the Home Shopping Network. The TORI SPELLING COLLECTION (\$29 to \$129) features 12 pieces, according to the press release, 11 according to the Web site. The jewelry line has prominent circle and geometric attributes and many hammered surfaces. The nine pieces that sold out when the collection debuted as part of HSN's 30th anniversary will be reissued soon. No word on the whereabouts of the mysterious 12th item. JEN BEASLEY (EXPRESS)

Movies



Can't Stop the Beat

Experts at Sebastian, dubbed the official hair spray of "HAIRSPRAY," came up with tips on how to achieve updated versions of some of the characters' retro styles. Link Larkin's pompadour starts with a haircut that has a short-clippered back and sides. The top is combed straight back and cut with texturizing shears. Saturate wet hair with styling product. Dry the hair, molding the shape with the hands. To imitate Penny Pingleton, blow-dry hair with a large round brush. Set top with rollers sprayed with hair spray. After taking out rollers, brush the length into a soft ponytail and secure with a barrette and hair spray. SAMANTHA CRITCHELL (AP)



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Life and Stuff

Last week, Dr. Andrea Bonior discussed a study that said young people have more of a "me first" attitude than prior generations. This week, she explores whether that narcissism is what drives our culture to rampant materialism or whether it's the other way around. ONLINE NOW





Winged Migration

After a healthy buzz from its 2005 debut, prog-rock outfit Tarantula A.D. decided to dissolve the group. Within a year, they were back together as Priestbird. Express contributor Chris Mincher talked to drummer Gregory Rogove about the band's metamorphosis. | соміна ир

EYE OPENERS

An Atari Classic

Back in the '80s, car racing video games weren't nearly as slick-looking as they are today, but their commercials were equally over-the-top. Check out the video on the bottom right of our homepage to see a classic ad for the original driving game that rocked: Pole Position. | COMING UP



comment board

Starbucks coffee in general tends to [be] glorified, overly bitter swill. I like their Iced Green Tea Lattes though, which they'll probably ditch at the end of the summer. Sigh."

COMMENTER JAIME W. SERBIN, WHO ADDED, "OUR OFFICE HAS FREE STARBUCKS COFFEE IF I REALLY WANTED IT, WHICH I NEVER DO."



I have not had

Starbucks coffee since the turn of the century. A Starbucks price increase means no more to me than a McDonald's price hike would."

COMMENTER MASON SPENCER. WHO ADDED "MAKING MY OWN COFFEE AND USING A THER-MOS SAVES ME HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS."



"Starbucks makes a great cup of coffee that I enjoy from time to time. As long as Starbucks continues to produce a quality product, I'll continue to purchase it."

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Discussions

Beckham to U.S.

Post soccer writer STEVEN GOFF was online Wednesday and talked about D.C. United, Beckham news and the World Cup.

Why can't D.C. chase a wellknown young player like a Christian Ronaldo-type instead of leaning toward someone like Sebastian Veron?

D.C. United and the other MLS teams have no chance of acquiring international superstars in the prime of their careers. Financially, they can't compete for their services. Even getting someone like Veron, who is still a quality player and would have a huge impact in the league, is a longshot.

Any news about South Africa's progress in making the World Cup in three years a reality? Is England still a backup plan?

At this point, I would be very surprised if FIFA pulled the World Cup out of South Africa. They want this to happen, they need this to happen, and, barring monumental setbacks, I think it will be held there. Several countries are waiting in the wings, just in case.

How good is David Beckham? Is he the best player in MLS now? Is he

over the hill?

Beckham is still very good, as we saw at Real Madrid this past spring, but it's hard to say at the moment how much impact he will have on the field in MLS on a struggling team in the middle of a season.

So, which cool and hip celebrities do you think will be at RFK in two weeks when His Royal Majesty visits?

Beckham is tight with Tom Cruise. Tom Cruise works for Dan Snyder ... hmmmm. I'm sure you will see many VIPs at RFK.

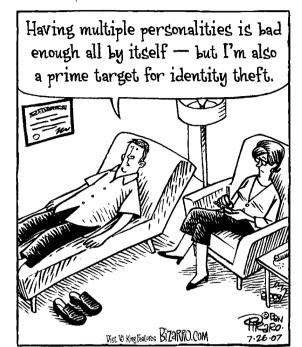
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Calling all foodies! Join us for a vegetarian edition of What's Cooking, our live culinary hour with Kim O'Donnel at Lp.m. washingtonpost.com/discussions.



CELEBRATE NATIONAL CHILI DOG DAY THURSDAY. Unless, of course, you take to heart the new study that says obesity can be spread simply by hanging out with overweight people. In that case, eating chili dogs while sitting around with other people stuffing their faces might be a bad idea.

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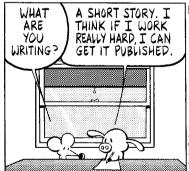


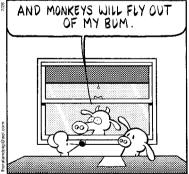
"He was definitely here earlier. Looks like he gave us the slip."

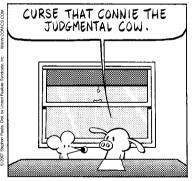
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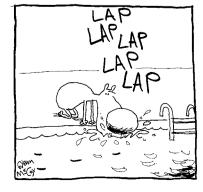
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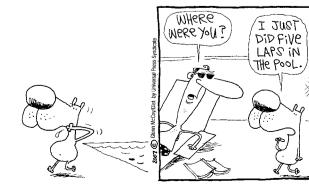






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Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Avoid situations that invite competitive or combative behavior. You'll want things to be cooperative and harmonious all day long.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Things may seem to progress according to plan early in the day, but then you may realize everything is backward. You can adjust. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Trust your instincts. You may find that others are unwilling to accept what you know to be the truth, so gentle persuasion is required.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You may be feeling quite restless, but you have a proiect to work on that will require a little extra focus at this time. Get to work.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Take care you don't let your excitement get the better of you. You must remain calm and in control — especially after dark.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You may find yourself wishing you had never agreed to take part in such a risky venture, but the truth is, you know how to get things done.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You may be far more edgy and timid than expected, and that's no way to get things done at this time. Convince yourself to be more open.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Someone will be greatly affected by your involvement in his or her affairs — even though you feel you're just going about your business.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You can afford to be a little more impulsive. Try something unconventional, and you may discover you have a knack for the

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) There is no place for disappointment or disillusionment. You must do whatever you can to see that someone is satisfied.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You've been saying a lot lately about what you're able to accomplish, and it will be your turn to prove it. Waste no more time.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You may find that routine endeavors are more than frustrating; they can even be dispiriting. Something new is likely to get your attention.

Letters

Charge for Plastic Bags

MARSEA NELSON ("Reusable Bags Best of All," July 25) is right to highlight the benefits of reusable shopping bags. She is wrong, however, to suggest that a widespread ban on disposable bags is the best way forward. We need to look only to Ireland to see what could be achieved by charging for plastic bags. There, shoppers pay approximately 15 cents for each bag they use. The result? Plastic bag consumption has dropped from 300 per person per year to a mere 21, as customers have either reused old plastic bags or switched to reusable cloth bags. An outright ban on plastic bags is simply unnecessary.

-VICTORIA CRAWFORD Fairfax, Va.

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Today in History

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Eva Peron died on this day in 1952 at 33.

the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

 Argentina's first lady. Eva. Peron, dies in Buenos Aires at 33.



People



Wait, he just took his punishment like a grown man? Then why is he news?

LEGALITIES

Actor Discovers Cars Are For Driving, Not for Flying

Actor SHEMAR MOORE was sentenced to probation and community service after pleading no-contest in an alcohol-related speeding case, officials said Tuesday. As part of a plea deal, Moore pleaded no-contest to a misdemeanor count of exhibition of speed, and the DUI charges were dropped. (AP)

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You Stuff JULIA ROBERTS will receive the 22nd American Cinematheque Award at a cer-

emony in Beverly Hills on Oct. 12. "Julia Roberts is a true movie star who has delighted audiences and critics in so many pictures," board chairman Rick Nicita said. (AP)

Saturdays.

YEAH RIGHT

It's Just Sad Now

LINDSAY LOHAN says she's innocent. The actress was arrested for driving under the influence, driving with a suspended license and felony cocaine possession early Tuesday, less than two weeks after her second trip to rehab, "I am innocent ... did not do drugs they're not mine," Lohan wrote in an e-mail to "Access Hollywood" host Billy Bush, the show reported on its Web site Tuesday night. (AP)



SELE-MOCKERY

Jason Bourne Wants You to Go Green. Or He'll Kill You.

MATT DAMON is willing to look silly when it comes to raising awareness about global warming. Damon dresses up like a gas pump during a one-minute cameo in a video that is part of a series called "Clean My Ride, Flex My Fuel." "Come on, Congress," Damon says in the video. "Come on, big oil. Mandate cleaner cars and cleaner fuel. Flex fuel. A little bit of corn and a pinch of can-do attitude is all it takes. And kids love it too. Yippee!" He then sends up his action-star image, punching out a guy for asking him to do a little dance. (AP)



HOMECOMING

Final 5 Fans Wait Breathlessly for Film

MARC ANTHONY and JENNIFER LOPEZ arrived in Puerto Rico Monday to attend the opening of "El Cantante," a film biography of salsa pioneer Hector Lavoe. The husband-and-wife team were co-stars in the biopic: Anthony starred as the famed but troubled Puerto Rican singer and Lopez played the singer's long-suffering wife, Puchi. The film faced its ultimate test here, said director Leon Ichaso. a Cuban. "It's tied to a Puerto Rican hero and Puerto Rican music," Ichaso said. (AP)



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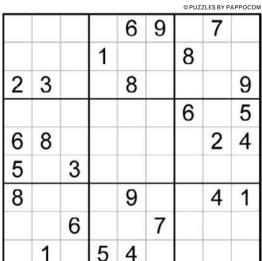
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Fill in the boxes so each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits I through 9. See www.sudoku.com for solution, tips and computer program.

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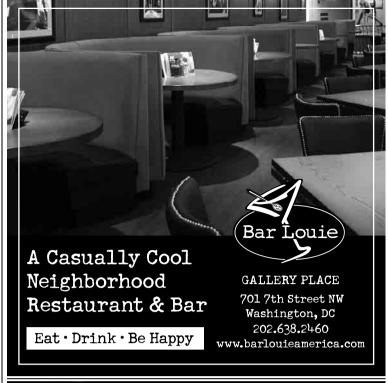
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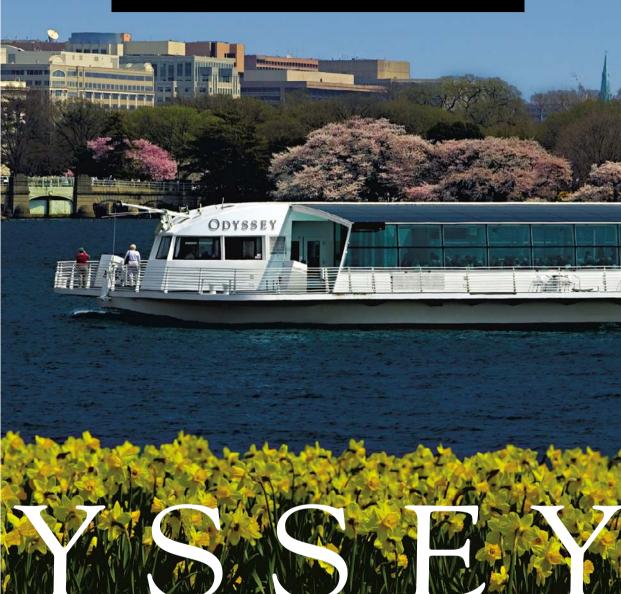
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NAME: Jeffrey Frank
GIG: Author of "Trudy Hopedale:
A Novel"

TRUDY HOPEDALE IS a Washington fixture on the way out, the audience for her TV talk show dwindling, her B-list hostess status about to get bumped down a grade. No one knows whether her catty pal, vice-presidential biographer Donald Frizzé, is one of the chattering class's most eligible bachelors or one of its most confirmed. Meanwhile, Trudy's husband, Roger, an increasingly distant foreign service has-been, has penned one of those Washington thrillers defined by stylistic ineptitude and ham-handed raunch. Currently a senior editor at The New Yorker, former D.C. journalist Frank has crafted an amusing sketch of people whose Fourth of July barbecue invitations are met with a certain amount of trepidation.

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Were you at all concerned that the denizens of official Washington are, to some degree, self-satirizing?

I suppose that's part of the challenge, but they are real people to me

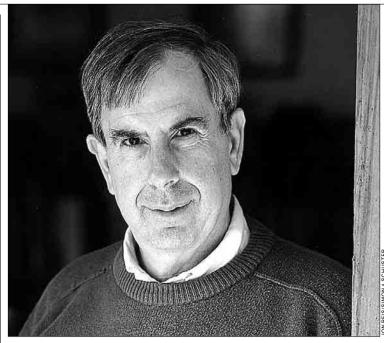
Roger's favorite writers are, as he calls them, "the two Johns." How plausible is the pairing?

I do know people who are that oblivious, sure. I don't know anyone who has tried to combine the styles of John Updike and John Grisham before.

Roger's prose is rather striking. How much of his book did you complete?

Obviously, I never intended to write a bad novel called "Desks of Power," but I really thought I had to write more than I was going to use.

You set your own book in a kind of pre-Sept.II limbo. It's actual-



INSIDE JOB: Jeffrey Frank uses his journalist-eye's view in "Trudy Hopedale."

ly sweet to think back to the days when the gravest threat to the republic was adultery.

There's no way to avoid this feeling of impending something coming along. We all know that the week after it ends, the whole country's going to change. And how it's changed, I have no idea yet. I'd be afraid to touch that at this point.

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You imply that the culture of Washington was such that nobody in power could possibly have been prepared for what was coming.

Sure, and I think also people who had proximity to people in power were far more interested in their proximity than in anything the people in power might be up to.

There's a running gag about Dick

"There's no way to avoid this feeling of impending something coming along."

Cheney being potentially another in a series of do-nothing veeps, because no one knew who he was.

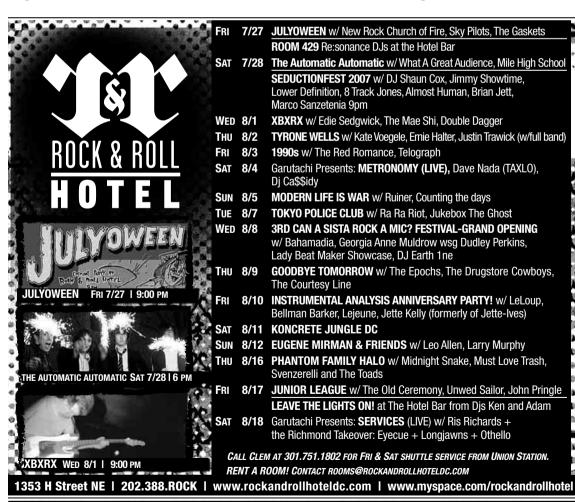
The truth was that when I was writing it, Dick Cheney hadn't become fully "Dick Cheney" yet. And I realize that's what's happened — he's become a more important character than I intended him to be.

Are all the vice presidents Donald studies — Garret Augustus Hobart, Levi Morton, Alben Barkley — real? Oh, yeah. Absolutely, GLENN DIXON

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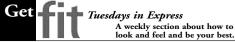
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The Hula Monsters blend rockabilly with Hawaiian exotica

MUSIC | Ever since Silver Spring's Half Moon Barbeque turned out the lights, the Hula Monsters have been without a regular monthly gig.

Earlier this year, the venerable local combo tried to get something going at Madam's Organ. "It's a nice place to play, and it was fun playing there, but it was Sunday night and most of us have day jobs, and they wanted us to play till 1:30," said founder Dave Giegerich.

So when the steel guitarist and his buddies — bassist Moe Nelson, drummer Ben Holmes, guitarist and ukulele player Mark Noone and lead guitarist Gary Ferguson — perform at the Lubber Run



MONSTER MASH: The local party band understands the value of a Hawaiian shirt.

Amphitheatre, the band's loval following will, well, follow.

The Monsters have quite a rep as genre-hoppers, moving from blues to country to the sound of Waikiki. "We probably have about 150 to 200 songs that we can choose from,"

But they are known for their merch as well as their music. What other band does your thrift-shopping for you?

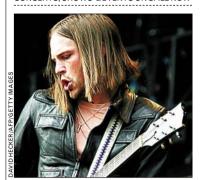
"It's sort of ebbed and flowed," Giegerich explained. "We've been doin' it now since the late '80s, and at first you could go and get really nice Hawaiian shirts at a thrift store. And then vintage clothing stores sorta got hip to 'em, and by the time we got to the store there wasn't too much left. But then Hawaiian shirts got popular again, so now they're showing up at thrift stores. They might not be vintage Hawaiian, but they're Hawaiian-style."

And some lucky fans might go home with duds that have seen combat duty.

"It is sort of a standing joke that we buy a shirt and wear it for a couple of years — and then it's vintage." GLENN DIXON

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Strange

How well do you really know the White Stripes?

MUSIC | As The White Stripes sell more records, the more they seem to rebel. And the more people seem to love it. The alt-rock duo composed of Jack and Meg White siblings, ex-spouses, whatever — recently released their sixth studio album, "Icky Thump," which debuted at No. 2 on the Billboard charts.

The album is a genius smattering of varied instrumentation, ADD vocals and storytelling, and cuts from it are sure to be featured heavily at the duo's concert on Saturday at the Patriot Center.

In honor of Jack White's eccentricity, we're going to be counting down the top five weirdest things the band has done in the last few years. And we're not even going to touch the duo's relationship.

5. Icky Thump Records

For the release party for "Icky Thump," the band took over Tower Records in Los Angeles, re-branding the famous store as "Icky Thump Records," complete with its own billboard, signs and artwork.

4.3 Inches

In fall 2005, the band heard about a miniature toy record player manufactured by Bandai that played 3-inch records. Meg and Jack purchased 400 of these "Triple Inchophones" and sold them along with seven 3-inch singles. The complete set was recently sold on eBay for more than \$2,000.



Before becoming an uberfamous rockstar, Jack White was an upholsterer. In 2004, in celebration of his friend's 25th year in the furniture-covering business, White recorded an album and put 100 copies of it into various pieces of furniture. It has yet to be discovered.

2. Secret Bus Show

On their most recent Canadian tour, the White Stripes decided to play in every province in Canada, and even added a few impromptu bonus shows for only the most dedicated fans. Info for these shows would leak to a person or two and then spread through text messages and the Internet like wildfire. The Stripes played shows at bowling

alleys, youth centers and, coolest of all, on a moving bus in Winnipeg. Luckily for you Stripes fans, footage of many of these shows has made its way onto You-

I. One-Note Concert

The most astounding of these secret shows, however, was in

Newfoundland, Canada, on July 16. After setting up an entire stage and walking onto it to the sound of about a hundred cheering fans, Jack and Meg took their places, played a single note (a C-sharp, for the record), and walked off the stage. Jack declared, "We've officially played in every province and territory in Canada" before getting into a car to the cheers of "One more note!" from the delighted crowd in what was the world's shortest concert. Let's just hope they don't go for a repeat on Friday. JASON KOEBLER

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Still Sounding Fresh

Korn emerges from the nu-metal scene with something ... new

MUSIC | In 1998, Bakersfield, Calif., band Korn made music-industry headlines when it launched the first Family Values Tour.

The tour brought a lineup of up-and-coming aggressive artists from across genres - including rapper Ice Cube, notorious nu-metallers Limp Bizkit and German industrial-metal outfit Rammstein - to large arenas of riled-up teenagers.

The first Family Values Tour, along with the soundtrack to "The Matrix," came to epitomize the golden age of the nu-metal movement. which was characterized by downtuned, syncopated guitar riffs, hiphop rhythms, industrial production and vocals that ranged from harsh raps to disturbed wails.

The music industry and the heavy metal scene have changed quite a bit in the nine years that



FAMILY VALUES AT WORK: Korn took a hiatus as the popularity of rap-metal acts began to fade, and came back stronger.

have passed, but Korn is back with a new lineup of "family friendly" bands for this summer's tour. "We

usually start out by getting a list of bands that are available for touring," explains vocalist Jonathan Davis.

"And we just try to put together as diverse a lineup as possible." This year's trek includes bands ranging from metalcore quartet Trivium to chart-topping hard rockers Evanescence, whose vocalist, Amy Lee, joined Korn on stage in December for the band's "MTV Unplugged" performance and live album. "One of the main reasons we did the unplugged thing was that it's not the kind of thing Korn normally does," admits Davis. "It was cool for us."

Korn's untitled new album, which is scheduled to be released on July 31, benefits from more unlikely innovation; this time around, it comes from working with some new musicians, including keyboardist Zac Baird, Bad Religion drummer Brooks Wackerman, and legendary drummer Terry Bozzio of Frank Zappa and Missing Persons fame.

"Bozzio is the best drummer in the world, and working with him brought us in some new directions," says Davis. "There are some proggy songs, and it's not something that we tried to plan out in advance: it was something that naturally resulted from playing with Bozzio." GREG RE

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Many Faces of Happ

Singer Tierney Sutton plumbs the depths of jazz's trickiest word

MUSIC | Jazz vocalist Tierney Sutton has expressed every shade of human emotion through her finely phrased singing. On her latest CD, "On the Other Side," Sutton drills deep into that overused and underfelt word "happy," culling a baker's dozen of classic tunes with the tricksy word in the title (with the telling exceptions of "Haunted Heart" and "You Are My Sunshine") with the help of her ace quartet. E-mailing from London before her Blues Alley stint, Sutton discussed her music and what happiness means.

It's such a jazz irony that songs with "happy" in the title are not so cheery. Yes, the Great American Songbook



Sutton looks at the word "happy" from all sides on her conceptual new album.

is filled with optimism — or so it seems.

What do you think happiness means to most people? I think for most people, happiness ultimately comes from feeling they are useful or of service to others in some way, yet this isn't what the broader culture appears to value.

Which sad song do you love most?

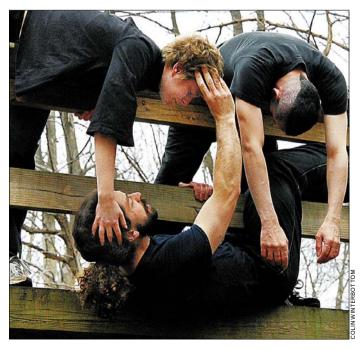
There surely isn't one favorite "sad" song, but my favorite song on the new record is "You Are My Sunshine." I like the fact that it's dark, because the last lyric is "I hung my head and I cried" - so our version is more consistent with the lyric than all the happy, skippy, peppy ones!

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Earth's Molten Metal

The seminal drone band knows every shade of heavy

MUSIC | The words "improv rock" can inspire anxiety. Properly appreciating King Crimson, for example, takes a level of concentration not everyone can summon. But Seattle drone-metal band Earth has kept it simple - and heavy - for 17 years, experimenting with liverquivering guitar tones that soothe like a couple Klonopin stirred into a warm Bud.

Earth's 1991 Sub Pop debut, "Extra-Capsular Extraction," set the genre's pace, making minimal and moody as legitimately metal as fast and complicated. The legendary "Earth 2" followed, stoking the bowls of stoner-rockers Sleep, Japanese shredders Boris and Sunn O))), a onetime Earth tribute band that went on to found Southern Lord, the label that's now home to all things doom and drone.

To frontman Dylan Carlson,



AS ABOVE, SO BELOW: Earth's imaginative improvisations influenced many other bands and captivated patient fans.

Earth has as much in common with Scottish pibroch bagpipers or Japanese gagaku players as it

does with its longhair brethren. "I view it as a continuum," he explains. "The drone has been used by musicians back into antiquity. It's a way of doing things."

In the late '90s, Earth disap-

peared for a while. The band's well-received 2005 return, the country-inflected "Hex (Or Printing in the Infernal Method)," moved Earth's sound away from heavy distortion.

"When I was a kid, my favorite way to listen to music was driving in a car," Carlson says, recalling a childhood cross-country move set largely to the Allman Brothers Band. "I've always liked landscapes. In instrumental music, there aren't words to tell a story, so I tried to find ways to imply that kind of landscape."

A tour with Sunn 0))) brought Earth to the flannel faithful and a new generation of heshers. "We're bigger together than either of us would be separately," says Carlson. "And lest you think you're 'making it,' there's always that show with 30 people to give you a more realistic picture."

"I feel fortunate to have the opportunity to play to these fans," says Carlson. "People seem to be interested in what we're doing next. and not just hearing 'Earth 2' over and over." Well, maybe just "Teeth of Lions Rule the Divine," for a quick 27-minute encore. Shauna MILLER

→ Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW; with Pelican, Priestbird, Sat., 9 p.m., \$12; 800-551-7328. (USt.-Cardozo)

A Big Noise From Up Nortl

Canadian chanteuse Serena Ryder shows off her stunning range

MUSIC | "I never had any formal training, but I've been singing my whole life," says Canadian singersongwriter Serena Ryder. "There's never really been any doubt in my mind that this is what I have to do — I always knew I would keep singing."

If Ryder's childhood recollections can be trusted, she was practically born with a mic in her hand. "My mother says I was actually singing melodies before I was speaking actual words, so, really, I think it's something very natural for me."

Ryder's songs have an unusually natural, organic element to them, one that's rare among the proud artificiality and self-conscious lo-



WARNING: The voice of this talented songbird is larger than it appears.

fi on many artists in today's musical landscape.

Although she's already released two albums in Canada and had a top 10 hit on Canadian Top 40 radio. Ryder did not release her U.S. debut, a short acoustic EP called "Told You in a Whispered Song," until last month. "I wanted to give people a taste of my music and leave them wanting to hear more," says Ryder of the EP. "We recorded all of the songs in one day. I've been working on songs for my next album, so, hopefully, this will hold people over until then."

Ryder is currently on tour with Australian musician Xavier Rudd in the U.S.; the tour will make stops at the 9:30 Club on Saturday and at the 8 x 10 Club in Baltimore on Sunday.

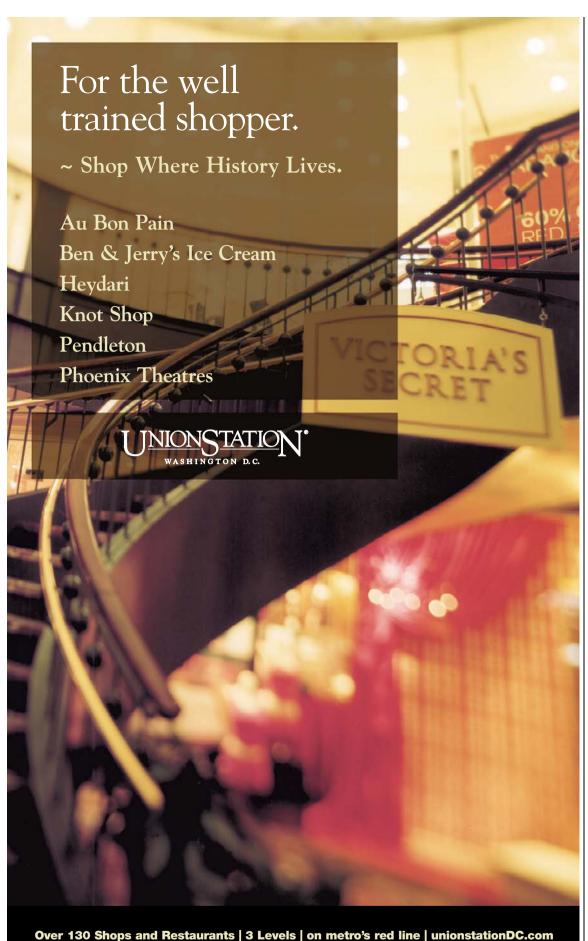
"I've been having fun, and I think the tour is interesting because it's two totally different musicians, and I think it's attracted some really great, really down-to-earth, open-minded and thoughtful audiences, which is something I really appreciate." GREG RE

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FRINGE | FRESH HAM



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Pictured Perfection

Ellis L. Marsalis III depicts slices of life in Baltimore's inner city

GALLERIES | Truth is, if anything, elusive. It's a vague concept that twists and morphs between one person's imagination and another's, sprouting fresh versions of itself along the way. In other words, it's not a thing easily captured with a photograph.

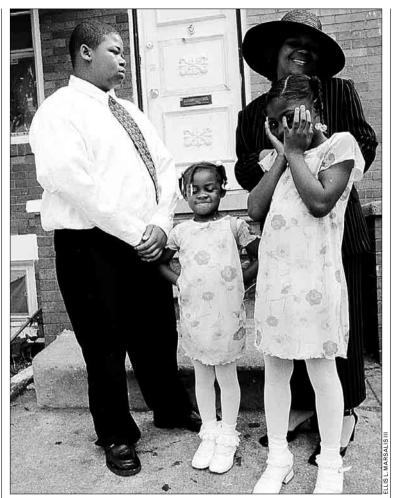
So it's fortunate that truth isn't something Louisiana native and Baltimore transplant Ellis L. Marsalis III claims to capture in "Voices & Visions of Tha Bloc: An Exhibit by Ellis L. Marsalis III" on view at the Anacostia Museum through Aug. 12.

than real," he says of his photography exhibition. "I am looking for the real in the eye and the brain. ... I was really trying to give the unadulterated view of [the neighborhood7."

Marsalis began laying the groundwork for this show more than two decades ago, when he relocated to Baltimore after earning his degree in photography from New York University's Tisch School for the Arts.

Fascinated by the stereotypes held by both those outside and inside the city limits, Marsalis began capturing candid — if not downright blunt - images of Baltimore's city life.

Eventually, he focused his efforts on his Belair-Edison neighbor-The truth is more illusion | hood in east Baltimore city. And



PHOTOS AND PROSE: Photographer Marsalis' photo narrative about inner city living attempts to debunk the numerous misconceptions about life on "tha bloc."

in 2004, his incessant snapping culminated in his first book "Tha Bloc: Words, Photographs and Baltimore in Black, White and Gray." It is from this book that Anacostia Museum's "Voices & Visions of Tha Bloc" came to be.

The exhibition takes the viewer on circular path, from images of African-American girls strik-

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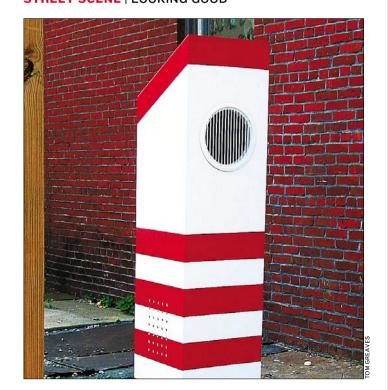
ELLIS L. MARSALIS III

ing their most diva-like poses to young boys toting guns to families strutting their Sunday best.

And the poetry and prose interjected between photographs makes the images seem to dance off the walls - their subjects playing and praying in a whirlwind all around YOU. DARONA WILLIAMS (EXPRESS)

→ Anacostia Museum, 1901 Fort Place SE; through Aug. 12; 202-633-1000, an a costia. si. edu.

STREET SCENE | LOOKING GOOD



'HEY, BUDDY — NICE TIE': You're good enough, you're smart enough, and gosh darn it, people like you. If you need proof, look no further than the talking "compliment machine," the cheery red-and-white box at 1541 14th St. that makes passers-by feel better about themselves in the name of art (the WPA/Corcoran Site projects, that is) through Saturday.

Friends in Cool Places

Get Him Eat Him doesn't need hipster connections to rock

MUSIC | Over the past three years, Get Him Eat Him has created a bit of a buzz in the indie world. The band's music plays no small role in that, but frontman Matt LeMay's moonlighting as a critic for the high-pitched hipster Web site Pitchfork media undoubtedly adds to the band's appeal

Get Him Eat Him's recent release, "Arms Down" (Absolutely Kosher), is a classic indie rock affair, with thoughtful lyrics accompanied by inventive — but not outlandish melodies.

The differences between "Arms Down" and Get Him's debut, "Geography Cones," translate to a more thoughtful and involved live show. The songs from "Arms Down," LeMay explained, are "more diffi-



BOYS TOGETHER OUTRAGEOUSLY: Get Him Eat Him yuks it up in the kitchen.

cult to perform live in that we have to pay more attention to them. The songs from 'Geography Cones,' we could go nuts to and jump around and flail.

"At shows, our best audience members are always the 16-yearold kids and the 35-year-old dudes in indie rock T-shirts with plaid overshirts. The cool 20-somethings are not the people who are having a good time at our shows." The reason? Probably Pitchfork.

"[These are] kids who are superhungry for music, who haven't already decided which bands they like and which they don't like before they go to the concert. ... No one review should be able to make or break a band. Nobody should be paying that much attention to anybody." KATHERINE SILKAITIS

→ Rock and Roll Hotel, with Benni Hemm Hemm, the Fake Accents, Thu., 9 p.m., \$10-\$12; 202-388-7625.

Listening to Muslims

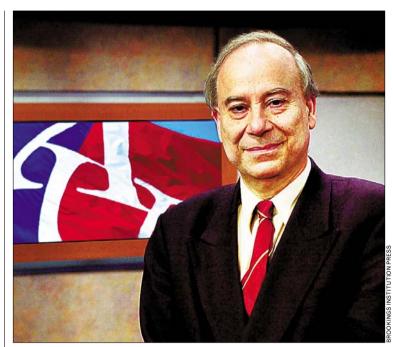
Scholar Akbar Ahmed pays attention to the varied voices of Islam

PAGES | All authors want you to read their books, but not all say it's absolutely necessary, for the sake of world peace, that you pick up a copy. Akbar Ahmed does. He wants everyone in the West to read his book "Journey Into Islam: The Crisis of Globalization" — or read someone else's on the topic. Or visit a mosque and invite Muslims to their churches and synagogues.

Ahmed, a professor of Islamic studies at American University and a Brookings Institution senior fellow, sees the West's clash with the Muslim world as the No. 1 problem facing America today and says a lack of understanding is creating the divide. The temperature between these two civilizations is approaching a boiling point, he argues, and the only way to bring it down is through knowledge, discussion and experience.

"Unless that happens, the Muslim world is a major potential problem," says Ahmed. "Because you have 1.4 billion people today, and, by the middle of the century, you'll have one in four people who are Muslim. So it's not going to go away. And it's not going to be blown off the face of the Earth, either we saw that in Iraq. If you want to control it by controlling the temperature, begin the process of understanding."

To aid in that goal, Ahmed went to the Muslim world with five young Americans to distribute questionnaires and talk to people in bazaars



READ, **LEARN**, **DO**: In his book, Ahmed takes the temperature of the Muslim world.

and mosques and madrassahs and universities. The group went to nine countries to gauge the feelings of Muslims around the world.

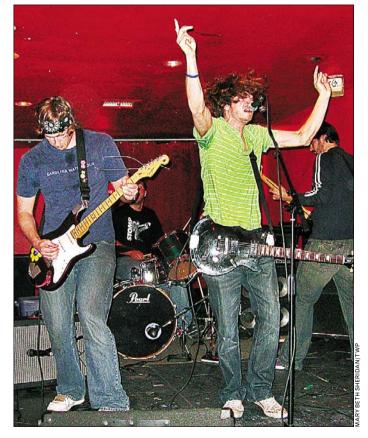
The team discovered the issue that Muslims saw as their chief threat was not Israel or the United States' military might, but rather the perception of Islam in the Western world. And they determined that there was still hope.

'That is the good news," said Ahmed, who will be at Politics & Prose on Saturday to discuss his journey and his book. "Anti-Americanism is very superficial. A couple of strong symbolic gestures and a couple of initiatives and it can suddenly disappear like froth on the ocean waves. ... There's always been this great reservoir of good will, and we can recapture that reservoir by taking some symbolic initiatives and some substantial ones."

The first step is as easy as picking up a book. IAN HERBERT (EXPRESS)

→ Politics & Prose, 5015 Connecticut Ave. NW; Sat., 6 p.m., free; 202-364-1919. (Tenleytown-UDC)

LOCAL HEROES | HAND IN THE AIR



DANCE, FOOLS, DANCE: The Dance Party was formed in Prince George's County, but the local pop favorites haven't had much difficulty getting D.C. jumping. With catchy rock and slacker chic, the Party has been shaking up the crowds at the likes of the 9:30 Club, Black Cat, DC9 and lota, more than earning its name. Check out the moves at Black Cat on Friday.

A Space of Our Ow

Poets and musicians celebrate the artful legacy of DC Space

OUT & ABOUT | Chinatown used to be artfully seedy, rife with porno emporiums, dicey take-out and ghetto-fabulous wig shops.

But amid the squalor, there resided one of the most cherished and missed nightclubs in D.C. history. Established in 1977 as the brainchild of Bill Warrell and some college buddies, DC Space originally took on the ethos of New York's Loft jazz scene, hosting artists such as Don Cherry, Julius Hemphill and Dave Holland.

As the space's popularity grew, its programming diversified to include punk and anything alternative. On New Year's Eve 1991, it was forced to shut down by the Pennsylvania Avenue Development Corporation. "The irony of it is that the real estate market had bottomed out that following spring," Warrell says, "Nothing was done for almost 10 years."



CHINATOWN BRASS: Jazz tuba player Howard Johnson outside the old DC Space.

On Sunday, more than 50 musicns and poets celebrate DC Space at the 9:30 Club. The lineup is fittingly intrepid and diverse, with scheduled appearances by Hamiett Blueitt, Oliver Lake, Eric Hilton, Bobby Donovon and many others. The concert is also a benefit for music journalist Tom Terrell, recently diagnosed with cancer, who helped change the music culture of the District with his groundbreaking radio shows on

WPFW and WHFS.

"I'm surprised that something as vibrant as DC Space isn't happening now," says Warrell. "Eight years of George Bush isn't unlike eight years of Ronald Reagan. But that's what drove its creative energy - the negativity of the politics in Washington, D.C." JOHN MURPH

→ 9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; Sun., 4 p.m., \$20; 202-265-0930, 930.com. (USt.-Cardozo)

The Heat Is on High

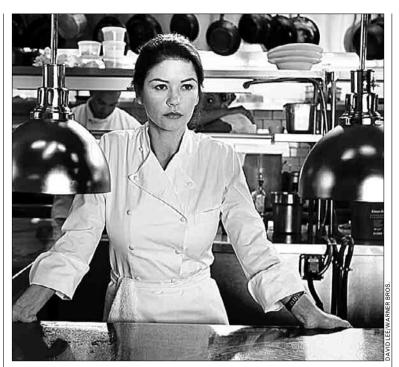
Catherine Zeta-Jones learns an actress' place is in the kitchen

NEW TRICKS | Catherine Zeta-Jones is many things: an Oscar-winning actress, a dancer and singer, a wife and mother. A whiz in the kitchen. though, she is not. But that didn't stop the Welsh-born beauty from tackling the role of a chef in the romantic comedy "No Reservations."

After several weeks of culinary training alongside her co-star Aaron Eckhart, Zeta-Jones became a regular Rachael Ray in the kitchen. Getting to the point where she felt comfortable dicing onions, preparing sauces and baking souffles took equal measures of focus and concentration.

"We had a laugh, because I arrived in the kitchen with my little apron on, looking ever so professional, and I turned to Aaron and said, 'Oh, God, my finger is coming off before you know it," she says.

In "No Reservations," she plays Kate, a no-nonsense chef at a French restaurant in Manhattan. She runs her kitchen like a general, overseeing her staff, coordinating hundreds of



BURNING LOVE: In the romantic comedy "No Reservations," Zeta-Jones' Kate learns to value human company over that of Chilean sea bass or Wusthof knives.

meals and preparing delicate sauces. She's devoted to her craft, but she's not exactly a people person.

Kate's perfectionism is tested when Nick (Eckhart), an unconventional new sous-chef, joins the restaurant's staff and disrupts its orderly routine. Kate also suddenly becomes the legal guardian of her 9-year-old niece, Zoe (Abigail Breslin).

Zeta-Jones doesn't have much time to cook, but she appreciates fine cuisine. One of her favorite restaurants is in Barcelona, and after making "No Reservations," she had a rare opportunity.

"I got to eat at a table in the kitchen," she reveals exuberantly. "I could see all these cooks who looked like scientists, literally, concocting these amazing dishes with textures that you've never even seen before."

While Zeta-Jones has dined at some of the world's finest restaurants, her favorite dish is smoked salmon topped with crushed potato chips on brown bread.

"I ate that during each of my pregnancies, and I actually had it two nights ago for dinner," she says, smiling. "It's one of those comfort foods that I can't do without." ANGELA DAWSON (ENTERTAINMENT NEWS WIRE)

Take

THE WASHINGTON POST'S FILM CRITICS TACKLE THIS WEEK'S BOX-OFFICE TOP 10

I Now Pronounce you Chuck and Larry

This film offers an oafish chance for audiences to laugh at gay-bashing jokes and then feel morally redeemed for doing so. desson thomson

2 Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix

One of the most pleasurable films in the series, it's a ripping good story, which magnifies the pleasure of watching great actors work. DESSON THOMSON

3 Hairspray

Director Adam Shankman and Scott Wittman's ardent and irreverent rock 'n' roll numbers in this exuberant musical tease the screen with the brash colors of youth and hope. PETER MARKS

4 Transformers

Never was this goofy rapture explored with more fun. For non-Transformer heads, it's a wonderfully playful experience, desson thomson



IT'S OK ...: Larry (Kevin James) and Chuck (Adam Sandler) aren't really in love.

5 Ratatouille

This is family-friendly filmmaking at its most appealing: fresh yet familiar, playfully mischievous but also subtly reassuring. DESSON THOMSON

6 Live Free or Die Hard This sequel starring Bruce Willis reminds viewers of the simple pleasures of watching stuff get blown up

and bad guys get beaten. ANN HORNADAY

7 License to Wed

Tonal consistency isn't a problem with this uneven comedy — it's light, dark, situational, blasphemous, sexual, slapsticky ... sтернен нинтея

Every beat of the horror film is weighted with significance, and our mounting dread becomes almost intolerable. DESSON THOMSON

9 Evan Almighty

This sequel starring Steve Carell wastes time on I-hit-my-thumb stuff, animal humor and poop jokes. STEPHEN HUNTER

C Knocked Up

It's rude, crude and outrageously funny — a sophisticated meditation on moral agency with pot jokes. ANN HORNADAY

Indies&Arties

'The Dybbuk'

As part of its series "Modernity and Tradition: Film in Interwar Central Europe," the National Gallery of Art screens Michal Waszy's 1937 film "The Dybbuk." The Polish movie (in Yiddish with English subtitles) adapts the story from Jewish folklore into a tale of star-crossed lovers and eternal longing, and stands as a fine example of the Polish-Yiddish film industry of the 1930s.

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'House of Fury'

It's a big weekend for the Made in Hong Kong Film Festival at the Freer Gallery, especially for fans of oldschool H.K. action. Stephen Fung made "House of Fury" in 2005, but the film would not be out of place double-featuring with "Enter the Dragon," thanks to its nonstop action and amusing plot (dull dad Anthony Wong regales his eve-rolling kids with unlikely tales of his adventures until they turn out to be not so unlikely). It's a Roman candle of a martialarts flick that gives off as much heat as



Anthony Wong proves to be cooler than his kids thought in "House of Furty."

it does light.

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'Grease'

Just in time for the Broadway (by way of reality TV) previews of "Grease" comes a fond look back at the original 1978 film. The Avalon screens "Grease" as part of its Classic Family Movie Month, so the parents who remember it from the first time around can bring the kids who somehow know all the songs.

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→THURSDAY

Apex: "College Night," DJ Randy White, VJ Steve Rosa, 9 p.m., \$5, free with college ID.

Bangkok Blues: Braddock Road, 7:30 p.m., \$5-\$10.

Be Bar: "4her Ladies Night," R&B, hip-hop, house, reggaeton, 9 p.m., free.

Birchmere: Kelly Willis, Slaid Cleaves, 7:30 p.m., \$25.

Black Cat: The Comas, Great Northern, 9 p.m., \$10 (backstage).

Blues Alley: Maureen McGovern, 8 & IO p.m., \$37.50.

Bohemian Caverns: Chris McSwain Trio, 8 p.m., \$7.

Crossroads: DJ Majestic (dancehall and hip-hop), IO p.m., \$20, ladies free before II p.m. with pass from crossroadsclub.com.

DC9: By & By Bluegrass Band, Amy Sullivan, 9 p.m., \$8.

Iota: Misfortune 500, 9 p.m., \$10.

Jammin' Java: Luke Brindley, Anthony Fiacco, Shane Hines, Todd Wright, 8 p.m., \$10

Kennedy Center Millennium Stage: The Serapis Foundation Brass Ensemble, 6 p.m., free.

Live on Woodrow Wilson Plaza: The Young Brothers Trio, noon, free.

Love: College Night, 9 p.m., \$12.50.

Mirrors: "Phat Thursdays," 9 p.m., \$10 for men, ladies free.

9:30 Club: The Swell Season, Amy LaVere, 7:30 p.m., \$15.

Rock and Roll Hotel: Get Him Eat Him, Benni Hemm Hemm, the Fake Accents, 9 p.m., SIO in advance, SI2 at the door.

State Theatre: Roger Clyne & the Peacemakers, 8:30 p.m., \$13 in advance, \$15 at the door.

Strathmore Music Center: BSO Summer MusicFest: Beethoven's Symphony No. 9, 8 p.m., \$30.

Velvet Lounge: Octopi, Whoarfrost, 9 p.m., \$10.

Wolf Trap, Filene Center: Steve Miller Band, 8 p.m., \$25-\$45.

Zanzibar: Familiar Faces live, see zanzibar-otw.com.

→ FRIDAY

Apex: "Ultimate Dance Party," DJ Mike Cruz, 9 p.m., \$9.

Bangkok Blues: Richard Marcus 7 p.m.; Acme Blues 9:30 p.m., \$5-\$10. Be Bar: "Be: rewind." '80s & '90s hits.

LIVE SHOCK ROCK | DID | SCARE YOU?



PRETTY POISON: At some point between "The Beautiful People" and Evan Rachel Wood's new grooming routine, Marilyn Manson lost his shock-mojo. It wasn't his fault—the culture had caught up to the man born Brian Warner, who strove to be the '00s' Baudelaire but ended up its Alice Cooper. That said, his latest, "Eat Me, Drink Me," takes a major, menacing leap ahead, so there's hope for freak futurismo yet. Hear what he's got to say at the Post Pavilion on Monday.

STAGE | ROLE OF MANY LIFETIMES



DRAMA KING: Tokyo's Heisei Nakamura-za Kabuki, featuring the great kabuki actor Nakamura Kanzaburo XVIII, brings the drama, pageantry, action and emotion of this ancient art to the Warner Theatre on Thursday.

9 p.m., \$5.

Birchmere: Fertile Ground, Maya Azucena, 7:30 p.m., \$22.50

Black Cat: The Dance Party, Let's French, De Novo Dahl, 9 p.m., \$10 (mainstage). "Strfcker," electro, rave, hip-hop, crunk, "Bangers" with DJs People's Champion, Dave Nada, Jerome Baker III, 9:30 p.m., \$6 (backstage).

Blues Alley: Maureen McGovern, 8 & 10 p.m., \$37.50.

Bohemian Caverns: The Young Lions, 9 p.m., \$12.

Crossroads: "Carnival City" featuring Atlantik, Destra Garcia, 5 p.m., free before 7 p.m.

DC9: "Liberation" dance party, 9 p.m., \$5. lota: The Glory and the Majesty, Lejune,

9:30 p.m., \$10.

Jammin' Java: The Cliks, the Blackjacks, Moon Hostage Rebellion, 8:30 p.m., \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door.

Jaxx: Dokken, Pretty Boy Floyd, the Gypsy Sons, Brian Elder, 8 p.m., \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door.

Kennedy Center, Millennium Stage: National Symphony Orchestra Preview Concert, 6 p.m., free.

Live on Woodrow Wilson Plaza:

Frankojazz, noon, free.

Love: Floetry, 9 p.m., \$20.

Mirrors: Lissen Band, 7 p.m., \$20 for men, ladies free before 8 p.m., \$15 after.

9:30 Club: Sanalejo from Bogota, Colombia, Versus, March of Us, 9 p.m., \$20.

The Red & the Black: Boxcar Collision, the Bosch, Maple, Barn Burning, 9:30 p.m., \$8.

Rock and Roll Hotel: "Re:sonance," punk, post-punk, Brit-pop, electrika, 9:30 p.m., free.

State Theatre: The Legwarmers, '80s dance party, 7 & 9 p.m., \$15.

Twins Jazz: Mark Mosley Quintet, Dave Schnitter, 9 & II p.m., \$15.

Velvet Lounge: Wooly Mammoth, Rwake, Darsombra, Hull, 9 p.m., \$10. Wolf Trap, Filene Center: Randy Travis,

8 p.m., \$25-\$40.

Zanzibar: Fresh Fete Friday featuring 3 Canal, free before 8 p.m., \$20 after.

→ SATURDAY

Apex: Kristina Kelly and the Girls of Glamour, DJ Joey-O, VJ Steve Rosa, 9 p.m., \$9.

Bangkok Blues: Blue Book Value, 7 p.m., Cathy Ponton King, IO p.m., \$5-\$IO.

Be Bar: "Be: bad," top 40 dance remixes featuring DJ Shane Whoton, 9 p.m., \$5.

Birchmere: Ray Price & The Cherokee Cowboys, 7:30 p.m., \$35.

Black Cat: Pelican, Earth, Preistbird, 9 p.m., \$12 (mainstage). "Bliss" dancey party with DJ Will Eastman, 9 p.m., \$6 (backstage).

Blues Alley: Tierney Sutton, 8 & 10 p.m., \$25.

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DC9: 1940 9th St. NW; 202-483-5000. lota Club & Café: 2832 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 703-522-8340.

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LIVE PUNK-POP | TRUE GRIT



MEAN GIRLS: The Cliks singer Lucas Silveira pried the songs on the band's debut album, "Snakehouse," out of his soul with his bare hands. The result for this Toronto-based four-piece is a painful, honest set of tracks about his transition from female to male and the redeeming power of rock 'n' roll. Hear the story or just dance to it at Jammin' Java on Friday.

Bohemian Caverns: Benito Gonzalez Trio, 9 p.m., Kalahari Night, IO p.m., \$15. Crossroads: "Carnival Saturday" featuring Elephant Man, Massive B, Bobby Konders. "Energy Saturday," IO p.m., \$20, ladies free before II p.m. with pass from crossroadsclub.com.

DAR Constitution Hall: The Whispers, Stephanie Mills, 8 p.m., \$68.

DC9: "Nouveau Riche," hip-hop, techno, indie, dancehall, '80s, 9 p.m., \$8.

Iota: Honor by August, Kill the Alarm, Fooling April, 9:30 p.m., \$10.

Jammin' Java: Joe McDermott (for kids), II a.m., \$10. The Mammals, 7 p.m., \$15. DeFakto & Stress, Audra, 9:30 p.m., \$10.

Jaxx: Epicurean, 2:15 p.m., \$10 in advance,

Kennedy Center, Millennium Stage: NSO Summer Music Institute, 6 p.m., free.

Love: "Entourage," hip-hop, R&B, Latin, dance, \$20, 9 p.m.

9:30 Club: Xavier Rudd, Serena Ryder, 8 p.m., \$17.

Nissan Pavilion: The Family Values Tour 2007, 2 p.m., \$9.99-\$69.50.

Patriot Center: The White Stripes, 8 p.m., \$40.

The Red & the Black: City State, East Hundred, Nehru Jacket, 9:30 p.m., \$8.

Rock and Roll Hotel: The Automatic Automatic, 6 p.m., \$10.

State Theatre: The Legwarmers, '80s dance party, 7 & 9 p.m., \$15.

Twins Jazz: Mark Mosley Quintet, Dave Schnitter, 9 & II p.m., \$15.

Velvet Lounge: Donny Hue & the Colors,

Marshall Costan, Griznar Collective, Hat, 9 n.m., \$10.

Wolf Trap: The Temptations, the Four Tops, 8 p.m., \$22-\$38.

Zanzibar: Annual Reggaefest, 9 p.m., \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door.

→ SUNDAY

Bangkok Blues: Blues Jam with Eat at Joes, 8 p.m., free.

Be Bar: "Be: park." hip-hop, R&B. 9 n.m. \$5.

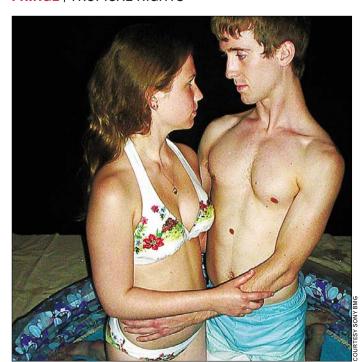
Black Cat: MN8 Presents: Ely Guerra, Pistolera, 8 p.m., \$15.

Blues Alley: Tierney Sutton, 8 & 10 p.m., \$25

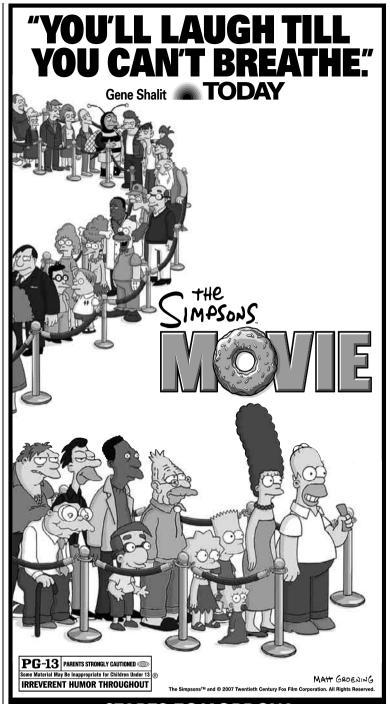
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Crossroads: Barrington Levy, 7 p.m., \$12. Continued on E20

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ALONE AT LAST: Ah, young love! So headlong, so melodramatic, so ... wet. Jonathan Padget reworks Henry De Vere Stacpoole's swoony novel for the Cap Fringe production "The Blue Lagoon: A Musical," in which stranded boy meets stranded girl. It's at the Playbill Cafe on Saturday and Sunday.



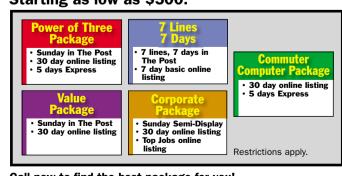
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The Pour House is a favorite for baseball fans, since it offers gameday specials and shuttles to the stadium on weekends. Here, customers can share \$10 Miller pitchers and happy hour specials that change nightly. Though the bar claims allegiance to the Red Sox, fans of all stripes can find their teams on the tube.

The Ugly Mug on Barracks Row offers variety for beer drinkers, with 24 brands on tap, including Magic Hat, Guinness, Blue Moon, Kirin and Hefeweisen (\$4-\$6). The Mug also offers a crowd-pleasing menu, with items such as an Italian sausage sub (\$9), fish and chips (\$13), and a filet BLT — grilled beef tenderloin on an English muffin (\$10).

Cleveland Park Bar and Grill and Tunnicliff's are known as destinations for good bar food. CP's offers crispy wood-fired pizzas as well as \$3 beer specials on weekdays. With three TVs on the outdoor deck, CP's is among the most scenic of sports bars. Tunnicliff's also draws a loyal neighborhood crowd, thanks to a killer reuben sandwich and brunch featuring eggs 10 different ways.

In business for nearly 50 years, the Vienna Inn is a modest house that's worth the trip for a beersoaked chili-cheese dog (\$1.75), cheap brews and local characters. Residents in search of hipster cachet may prefer Solly's, which sells Pabst Blue Ribbon at \$3 a can. Upstairs, sports fans can check out the game on one of six flat screen TVs or catch up with friends in the downstairs bar. (MELISSA MCCART)

- → The Pour House, 319 Pennsylvania Ave. SE: 202-546-7782.
- → The Ugly Mug, 723 8th St. SE; 202-547-8459.
- → Cleveland Park Bar & Grill, 3421 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-806-8940.
- → Tunnicliff's Tavern, 222 7th St. SE; 202-544-5680.
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Cranking Out Frozen Treats At the Blue Duck Tavern

Ice cream is made the old-fashioned way by pastry chefs at Blue Duck Tavern: It's hand-cranked. A combination of rock salt and elbow grease create ice cream that's more dense and creamy than machine-churned versions, which fold in air.

Customers' favorite this season is fresh strawberry, though banana with rum, brown sugar and vanilla bean are crowd-pleasers as well. This serving isn't just a single -scoop size. Expect the oohs and aahs of onlookers when three scoops arrive to the table in their very own chilled ice bucket

Though it's enough to share with a few dining companions, this ice cream is so good you'd be forgiven for hogging your portion. (MELISSA MCCART)

→ Blue Duck Tavern, 24th & M streets NW: 202-419-6755.

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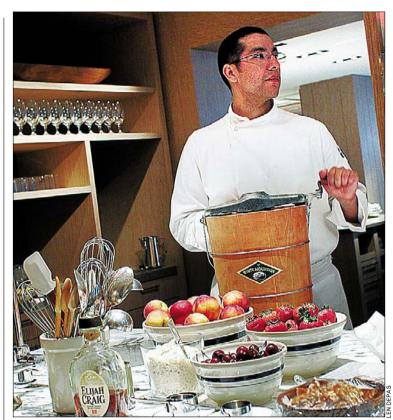
Home-Grown Microbrews

Beer drinkers who dig domestic microbrews can swing by Birreria Paradiso and Rustico for some summer sampling.

For the remainder of the season, Birreria Paradiso offers customers an American trio (\$9) or an American quartet (\$11) featuring a selection that includes an ale or IPA, a stout and one of several fruit or wheat beers.

On Tuesdays, Rustico gets patriotic with its "All-American Dinner," for which Allagash White is paired with a lobster pot pie, an Avery Hog Heaven accompanies a giant all-beef hot dog with bacon 'n' beans, and an Old Dominion Stout is served with cheesecake and berries.

Hungry brew fans can order the whole tasting menu or individual courses. (MM)



THE OLD WAYS ARE STILL THE BEST: Pastry chefs at the Blue Duck Tayern crank out freshice cream for the hordes clamoring for this traditional summer treat.

- → Birreria Paradiso, 3282 M St. NW; 202-337-1245.
- → Rustico, 827 Slaters Lane, Alexandria: 703-224-5051.

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It's not always easy to get a spot in a knife-skills class, among the most popular offerings at local culinary schools.

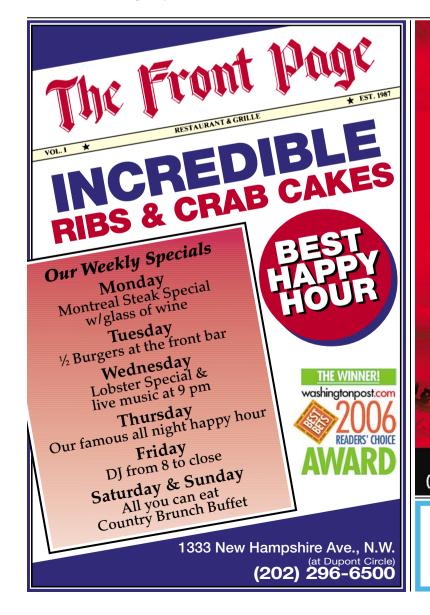
La Cuisine in Alexandria gives you an opportunity to sharpen your skills once a month, during which Oyamel's executive chef, Joe Raffa, gives a hands-on, four-hour session in which students learn techniques and knife care.

The class, which is limited to six people, costs \$75 and will be offered this Sunday from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and again on Aug. 26. (MM)

→ La Cuisine, 323 Cameron St., Alexandria; 703-836-4435.

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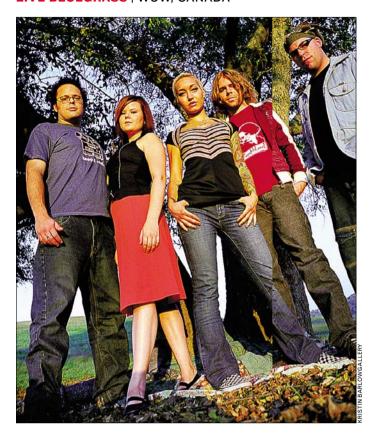
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NEW OLD TIME: Between the tattoos and the banjo, the gospel vocals and Canadian hometown, it's hard to know what to make of hipster bluegrass-and-so-much-more quintet the Duhks. The Winnipeg-formed group's latest CD, "Migrations," is another triumphant acoustic mix of old-time styles and modern sensibility. See them at Rams Head in Annapolis on Sunday.

TheScene

Continued from E15

DC9: The Red Scare, Berzerkers Skateboards, Punk29, 9 p.m., \$5. Iota: Alex Nackman, Andy Mac, 8:30 p.m.,

Jammin' Java: Russ Glenn, 2 p.m., \$8.

Denny Laine, the Cryers, 7:30 p.m., \$25.

Jaxx: The Friday Night Boys, Kenmore,

3:15 p.m., \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door.

Kennedy Center, Millennium Stage: Aishu Venkataraman, 6 p.m., free.

Merriweather Post Pavilion: Sunday in the Country featuring Trace Adkins and Sara Evans, Il a.m., \$35-\$75.

Mirrors: Exquisite Band, 9 p.m., \$10. 9:30 Club: DC Space Reunion to Benefit Tom Terrel, 4 p.m., \$20.

Nissan Pavilion: Poison, Ratt, Veins of Jenna, 7 p.m., \$20-\$45.

Rams Head Tavern: The Duhks, Guy Forsyth, 8:30 p.m., \$22.50.

The Red & the Black: The Foundry Field Recordings, Alex the Red Robert Parez, 9:30 p.m., \$8.

State Theatre: Corey Smith, Andy Zipf, 8 p.m., \$II in advance, \$I3 at the door. Velvet Lounge: Attica Attica, the New Dress, 9 p.m., \$10.

Wolf Trap, Filene Center: Michael
Feinstein, Linda Eder, 8 p.m, \$22-\$40.

Zanzibar: DJ Blessed, 7 p.m., \$25 in
advance, \$30 at the door.



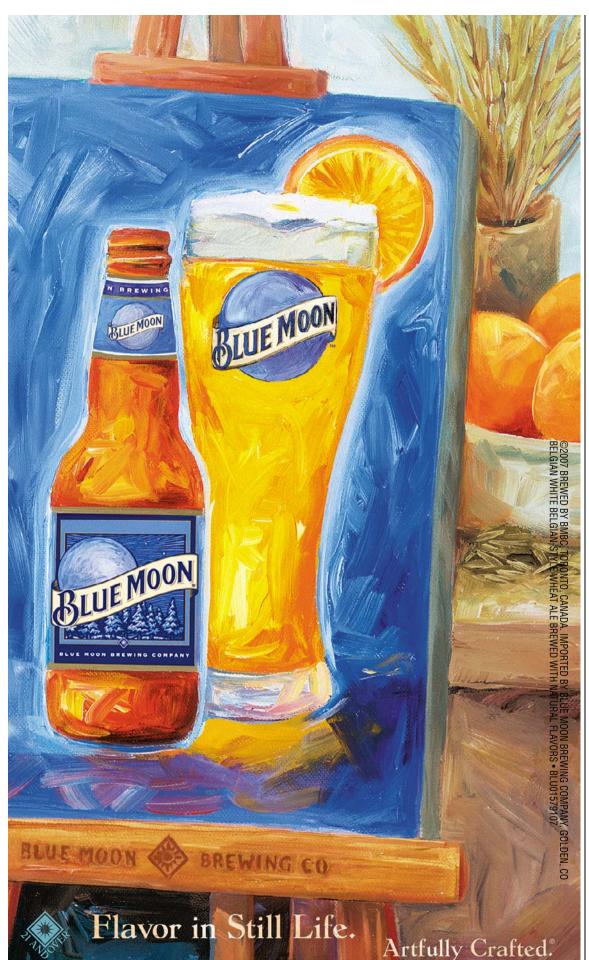
LAST CHANCE Addison/Ripley Fine

Art: "Perfect Competition," a group show of six female artists' work, through Sat. 1670 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-338-5180.

LAST CHANCE American Art

Museum and National Portrait Gallery: "Variations on America: Masterworks from American Art Forum Collections," through Sun. "Great Britons: Treasures From the National Portrait Gallery, London," through Sept. 3. "Harry Benson: Being There," the photoiournalist's portraits of entertainers, athletes and world leaders, through Sept. 3. "The Prints of Sean Scully," a selection of 55 of the artist's block-motif works acquired by the museum in 2001, through Oct. 8, "Portraits of Sandra Day O'Connor," through Oct. 8. "Portraiture Now: Framing Memory," portraits of iconic figures, including Martin Luther King Jr., Frida Kahlo, Jac-

queline Kennedy, Cesar Chavez





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Anacostia Community Museum:

"Voices and Visions of Tha Bloc: An Exhibition by Ellis L. Marsalis III." story of an urban Baltimore neighborhood through photographs, through Aug. I2. "A Creative Profile: Artists of the East Bank," work by artists who live in the District's Ward 7 and Ward 8, 1901 Fort Place SF: 202-633-4870. anacostia si edu.

The Art League: "Circus," mixed-media paintings and 3-D work by Bridget Walsh and Lisa Schumaier, through Aug. 6, 105 North Union St., Alexandria; 703-683-1780, theartleague.org.

Arthur M. Sackler Gallery: "Encompassing the Globe," the Smithsonian's exhibit on Portugal's historical taste for seafaring, which includes more than 250 artifacts, through Sept. I6. I050 Independence Ave., SW: 202-633-1000. asia.si.edu.

Canadian Embassy Art Gallery:

"Our Home and Native Land," McMichael Collection of Canadian masterpieces, through January. 50I Pennsvlvania Ave. NW: 202-682-1740. canadianembassy.org.

Conner Contemporary Art: "Academy 2007," work by recent fine art graduates from Washington/Baltimore area programs, through Aug. 18. "The Kudzu Project." Matthew Sutton's installation of the voracious, fast-growing vine changes daily, through Aug. I. 1730 Connecticut Ave. NW: 202-588-8750. connercontemporary.com.

LAST CHANCE Corcoran Gallery of

Art: "Modernism: Designing a New World 1914-1939," how the modernism movement affected machine, body and national identity, through Sun. "Masterpieces: European Art From the Collection," work of the past 100 years from French Impressionism, Dutch paintings. Italian Renaissance and British landscapes, through Sept. "Olga Hirshhorn Collects," selections from the permanent collection with an emphasis on 20th-century American and European artists, ongoing, 500 17th St. NW; 202-639-1700, corcoran.org.

Dissident Display: Studio, gallery and hangout space. 416 H St. NE; 202-332-3346.

District Fine Arts: "Counterculture," art created during the '60s and '70s, through Sep. 8. 1726 Wisconsin Ave. NW: 202-328-9100, dfaonline.com.

The Dome in Rosslyn: "Bodies ... the Exhibition." the touring display showcases a revolutionary preservation of human tis-



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THE FILMS OF Bruno Dumont don't reveal $themselves \ on \ first \ viewing - they \ demand$ reflection. His wildly strange and uncommunicative 2006 film "Flanders" follows a rural lug (Samuel Boidin) from his family's dreary farm and an affectless local girl (Adélaïde Leroux) to a hallucinatorily confusing, violent war that may be taking place in Asia, the Middle East or on Mars. It's absurd but not unreal, and the effect of its drag-and-shock rhythms on the audience is not so different from the out-ofnowhere horror our lowbrow hero faces that it is possible to feel superior to him or his doomed brethren. E Street Cinema, 555 11th St. NW; opens Fri.; 202-452-7672, landmarktheatres.com. Arion berger (express)

sue, bones, muscles, nerves, blood vessels and organs, through Oct. 18. IIOI Wilson Blvd., Arlington: 800-263-4379.

Dumbarton House: "The Jewel of Georgetown: Dumbarton House Celebrates Seventy-Five Years," an exhibition documenting the restoration of the building and gardens, through Dec. 29: \$5, 2715 Q St. NW: 202-337-2288. dumbartonhouse.org

Ellipse Arts Center: "Transform/Nation: Contemporary Art of Iran and Its Diasnora," through Aug. 4, 4350 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington; 703-228-7710, arlingtonarts.org

The Embassy of Chile: "Emprendiendo Vuelos," paintings by Maria Elena Naveillan, through July 31. 1732 Massachusetts Ave. NW; 202-530-4II8, embassvofchile.org.

LAST CHANCE Flashpoint: "Valerie Huhn: Trace Evidence," the art of identity. through Sat. 916 G St. NW; 202-315-1310, flashpointdc.org.

Folger Shakespeare Library: "Shakespeare in American Life," depictions of how Shakespeare's works and legends have reflected the growth and culture of the United States, through Aug. 18. 20I East Capitol St. SE; 202-544-7077, folger.edu.

Freer Gallery of Art: "Parades: Freer Ceramics Installed by Gwyn Hanssen Pigott," through Nov. 4. Jefferson Drive & I2th Street SW; 202-633-4880, www.asia.si.edu

The Gallery: "Zenith Gallery Presents: Washington Glass School Sixth Anniversary Show," work by artists, instructors and students, through Aug. 31. IIII Pennsylvania Ave. NW: 202-783-2963, zenithgallerv.com.

Gallery at the Embassy of Australia: "New Works from Utopia: Paintings by Australian Aboriginal Artists," artwork from a region where female artwork has been a symbol of independence, through Sept. 3. I60I Massachusetts Ave. NW;

202-797-3165, austemb.org.

8588, galeriebrigitte.com.

The Gallery at Mandarin Oriental: "Silk Scroll Watercolors - Flowing Expressions," Vietnamese artist Vu Tuan's artwork of feminine beauty, through Dec. 3I. I330 Maryland Ave., SW; 202-554-

Gallery Neptune: "Soul Trace," paintings and sculptures by Elvse Harrison and Mark "Wireman" Coburn, through Aug. 18. 4901 Cordell Ave., Bethesda; 301-718-0809. gallervneptune.com.

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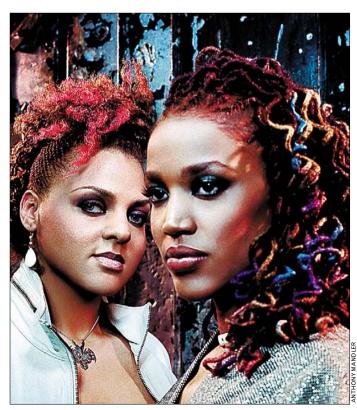
John Cudia talks about being the man behind the half-mask in "The Phantom of the Opera." | Cover

→ Also, midnight yoga; a guide to state and county fairs; David Macaulay's drawings at the National Building Museum.

Fowler, Rob Van der Zee, and Jason Wright," multilavered and sometimes abstract landscapes, through Aug. 19. I530 I4th St. NW; 202-234-27II, galleryplanb.com.

Gateway's Heliport Gallery: "3 Roads Continued on F22

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SELF, CONSCIOUS: Vocalist Marsha Ambrosius and spoken-word artist Natalie Stewart of the British duo Floetry use only delicious organic ingredients — poetry, soul and funk — to create a big-hearted musical blend. Free your mind to the strains of their earnest set at Love on Friday.

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MUSEUMS | HOLD STILL



ALMOST THE REAL THING: Capturing art using another art form — photography—changed the way we look at both art and its two-dimensional image. "Undisturbed by Color: Art and the Early Photographic Album" at the National Gallery of Art explores this relationship in everything from the first auction catalog using photographs to snaps of 20th-century works.



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Traveled," prints from faculty and students of Montgomery College, through Aug. 24. 8001 Kennett St., Silver Spring; 30I-562-I400, gatewaydc.com.

H & F Fine Arts: "A.B. Miner: Chimera," Miner's portraits on unusually small surfaces, through Aug. 4. 33II Rhode Island Ave., Mount Bainier: 301-887-0080. hffinearts.com.

LAST CHANCE Hemphill Fine Arts:

"Mingering Mike: The Amazing Career of an Imaginary Soul Superstar"; "Tina Newberry: New Paintings," both through Sat. I5I5 I4th St. NW: 202-234-5607. hemphillfinearts.com.

Hillyer Art Space: "Monica Tinker: Out of b[order]," walk into a life-size sketchbook in this exhibit of art made out of natural and man-made materials that play off the surroundings, through Aug. 30. 9 Hillyer Court NW; 202-338-0680, artsandartists.org/artspace/.

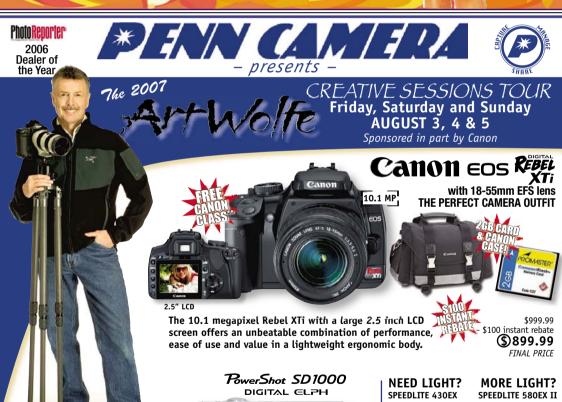
LAST CHANCE Hirshhorn Museum:

"Ways of Seeing: John Baldessari Explores the Collection," Baldessari's installation unearths surprising works from the museum's holdings, through Thu. "Directions -Virgil Marti and Pae White" through Sun. "Wolfgang Tillmans," a major survey of the German artist's groundbreaking work in photography, video and installations, through Aug. 12. "Black Box: Takeshi Murata," digitally manipulated animation, through Sept. 9. 7th Street &Independence Avenue SW: 202-633-1000 hirshhorn org

SATURDAY ONLY The Historical Society of Washington, D.C.:

"Wages of War: Bonus Army to Baghdad," photographs of the Bonus Army's 1932 march on Washington, 2-3:30 p.m. 801 K





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St. NW; 202-383-1810, historydc.org. **LAST CHANCE Honfleur Gallery:**

"Anacostia Exposed," Irish photographer Mervyn Smyth's photographs of the neighborhood, through Sat. I24I Good Hope Road SE: honfleurgallery.com.

International Visions: "Nestor Hernandez," Washingtonian photographer who passed away last year, through Aug. 4. 2629 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-234-502 inter-visions.com.

Irvine Contemporary: "Kerry Skarbakka & Marla Rutherford: Re-Presenting the Portrait," hyperreal, performative photography, through Aug. 4. 1412 14th St. NW; 202-332-8767, irvinecontemporary.com.

Jane Haslem Gallerv: "A Summer Salon," floor-to-ceiling paintings, through July 31. 2025 Hillyer Place NW; 202-232-4644, janehaslemgallery.com.

The Japan Information and Culture Center: "Tokyo Girls Art Exhibition," an anime twist on traditional Japanese nainting, through July 31, II55 21st St. NW: 202-238-6949, embjapan.org.

LIVE POP | SONIC DAYDREAM



ONLY CUTER: Calling a band "the new whatevers" is borrowing trouble, we know. But it's tough to hear El Lay foursome Great Northern's dreamy boy-girl harmonies, as intimate and expansive as a private view of the horizon, without thinking of the Mamas and the Papas. That's a compliment, as you can hear for yourself at the Black Cat on Thursday.

The Jerusalem Fund Gallery: "Handala and the Cartoons of Naju Al-Ali," the slain Palestinian cartoonist's scathing critiques, through Aug. 31. 2425 Virginia Ave. NW; 202-338-I958, thejerusalemfund. org.gallery.

Kathleen Ewing Gallery: "Tails of Art:

A Survey of the Animal in Photography, Painting, Drawing and Sculpture," proceeds from sales benefit the Washington Animal Rescue League, through Aug. 31. 1767 P.St. NW: 202-328-0955

LAST CHANCE Katzen Art Center: "Christina McPhee: Carrizo-Parkfield Diaries," McPhee's landscapes of the mind, through Sun. "True Dutterer: The Work of William S. Dutterer," celebration of the late Dutterer's paintings, especially those inspired by his recent trip to Afghanistan. "Bush Leaguers: Cartoonists Take on the White House," political cartoons about the current administration. "Resolutions: New Art from Northern Ireland," contemporary art emerging from a more tolerant Northern Ireland, "Jules Olitski: Late Sculpture," from the Cyclops series, through Aug. 19. 4400 Massachusetts Ave. NW; 202-885-1300.

Knew Gallery: "A Good Time is Now," Philadelphia and New York artists' work. through Sen. 8, 1639 Wisconsin Ave., NW: 202-338-4588, knewgallery.com.

Kreeger Museum: "Gene Davis: Interval." perhaps the most famous Color School artist's signature stripes, through July 31. 240I Foxhall Boad NW: 202-338-3552.

Library of Congress: "A Century of Creativity: The MacDowell Colony 1907-2007," music manuscripts and first editions from residents of this early American artists' colony, through Aug. 18. 101 Ist St. SE; 202-707-8000, loc.gov/exhibits.

Long View Gallery: "Happy Anniversary Long View," review of arts shown in the past year, through Aug. 4. I302 9th St., NW; 202-232-4788, longviewgallery.com.

Mansion at Strathmore: "Strathmore Celebrates: Women in the Arts Exhibition," honoring contributions of Wash-

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ington female artists, through Aug. 25. "Colored Pencil Society of America 15th Annual International Juried Exhibition," through Aug. 25. 1070I Rockville Pike, North Bethesda; 30I-58I-5200. strathmore.org.

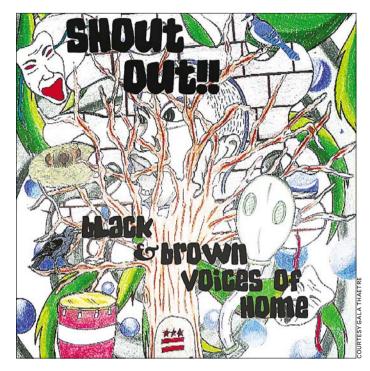
LAST CHANCE Metropolis Fine Arts Gallery: "Cycles, Elements and Spaces in Between," Roberto Bocci's interactive computer-driven installations on the outdoor sidewalk, 7 p.m., through Sun. 1520 14th St. NW; metropolis-dc.com.

National Academy of Sciences: "Speculative Data and the Creative Imaginary: Shared Visions Between Art and Technology," artwork representing computer and other technology-related experiences. through Aug. 24. 2100 C St. NW; 202-334-2415, nasonline.org.

National Air and Space Museum:

"Treasures of American History," many of the National Museum of American History's choicest items - from Dorothy's ruby slippers to Jacqueline Kennedy's inaugural ball gown - find a temporary home, ongoing. 6th Street and Independence Avenue NW, 202-633-1000, www.nasm.si.edu.

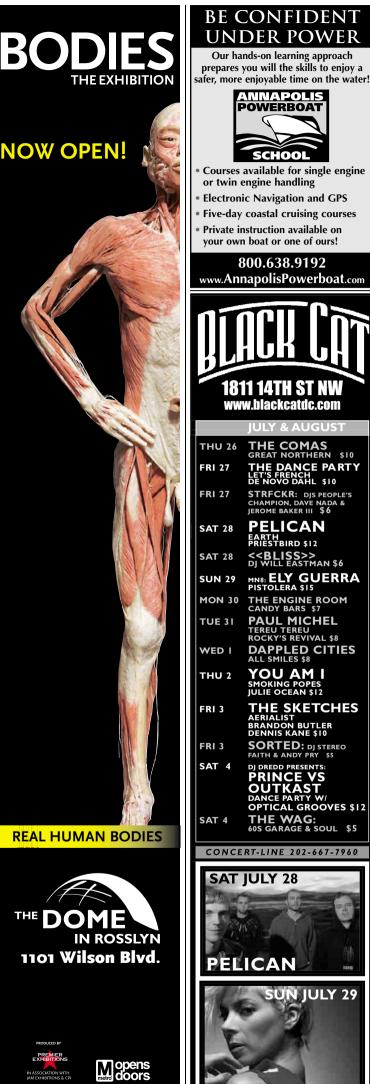
National Archives: "School House to White House," a family-friendly collection STAGE | D.C. SPEAKS UP



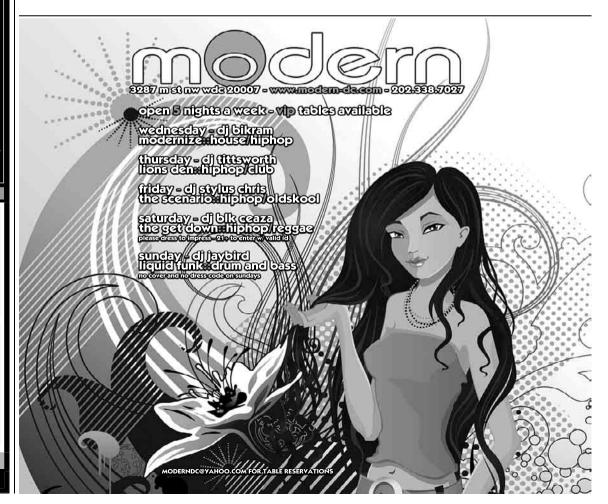
IN THEIR OWN WORDS: Gala Theatre's "Shout Out! Black and Brown Voices of Home" allows the stories of D.C.'s black and Latino youth to be heard. This eye-opening bilingual mix of monologues, poetry, dance and live music is at Gala's 14th Street space on Friday and Saturday.

of photos and documents from the childhoods of U.S. presidents, through Jan. I, 2008. "The Charters of Freedom." "A New World Is at Hand," "The Public Vaults,"

the Magna Carta and other treasures, ongoing, Constitution Avenue between 7th & 9th streets NW; 202-357-5300, www.archives.gov.



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Meet the Slug Whisperer

IF YOU'VE EVER wanted to know whether a corn snake makes your butt look big or what to feed Chinese fire-bellied toads, Jane Harrington has answers. The local author of well-regarded children's books reads from her latest, "Extreme Pets!" on Thursday and can walk kids and adults through the pros and cons of claws, scales, slime, fur and - shudder - mouth parts. Although Harrington herself has a special fondness for the Madagascar hissing cockroach, her book is crammed to the gills with fun facts and useful information about silkworms, chinchillas and giant African millipedes. Olsson's, 106 S. Union St., Alexandria; Sat., 1 p.m., free; 703-684-0077. Arion berger (express)

National Building Museum: "David Macaulay: The Art of Drawing Architecture," drawings about architecture and engineering history, through Jan. 21. "Reinventing the Globe: A Shakespearean Theater for the 21st Century." through Aug. 27. "Washington: Symbol and City," ongoing. "Cityscapes Revealed," highlights from the museum's permanent collection, ongoing. 40I F St. NW; 202-272-2448, nbm.org.

National Gallery of Art: "Undisturbed by Color: Art and the Early Photographic Album," the history of photographs of art that help us study it, through Aug. 18. "Desiderio da Settignano: Sculptor of Renaissance Florence." some of the few surviving works of the influential pre-Renaissance sculptor, through Oct. 8. "Claude Lorrain - The Painter as Draftsman: Drawings From the British Museum," through Aug. 12. "FOTO: Modernity in Central Europe, 1918-1945," through Sept. 3. "Fabulous Journeys and Faraway Places: Travels on Paper, I450-I700," through Sept. 16. "Private Treasures: Four Centuries of European Master Drawings," through Sept. I6. "States and Variations: Prints by Jasper Johns," through Oct. 28. 600 Constitution Ave. NW; 202-289-3360, www.nga.gov.

LAST CHANCE National Geographic Museum: "National Geographic MAPS: Tools for Adventure," a kid-friendly interactive exhibit about mans, charts and navigation, through Sun. "Photo Camp 2006: Uganda," a powerful and moving series of photographs taken by young people, ages 12 to 20, of life in a Ugan-

dan refugee camp, through Sept. 3. "Zakouma, Elephant Crisis in Chad," photographs by Michael Nichols show the extremes conservationists must go to in order to protect the last surviving Central African elephants from poachers. The exhibit is accompanied by eyewitness text from National Geographic Explorer-in-Residence J. Michael Fay, through Sept. 3. I7th and M streets NW; 202-857-7588. National Museum of African Art:

"Inscribing Meaning: Writing and Graphic Systems in African Art, through August 26. "African Vision: The Walt Disney-Tishman African Art Collection," through Sept. 7, 2008. "Resonance From the Past," African sculpture from the New

Orleans Museum of Art, ongoing. "Body of Evidence," contemporary African artists use the body, ongoing, 950 Independence Ave. SW: 202-633-1000. www.nmafa.si.edu

National Museum of the American Indian: "Identity by Design: Tradition, Change and Celebration in Native Women's Dresses" explores the cultural expressions and artistic identity woven into traditional dresses and accessories, through Jan. 2. 4th Street & Independence Avenue SW; 202-633-6985.

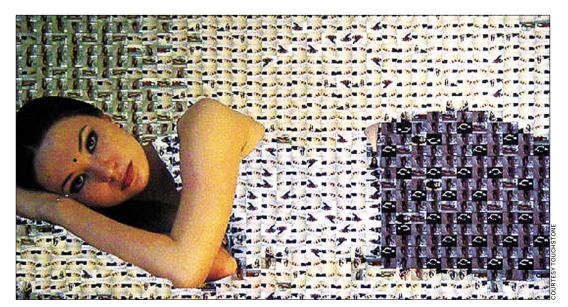
National Museum of Women in the Arts: "Frida Kahlo: Public Image, Private Life. A Selection of Photographs and Letters," one of Kahlo's paintings and many

photograhs and lettersare on display to to celebrate her IOOth birthday, through Oct 14 "The National Museum of Women in the Arts at 20: Selections From the Archives," photographs, original posters and historical objects as well as paintings, through Dec. I250 New York Ave. NW; 202-783-5000, nmwa.org.

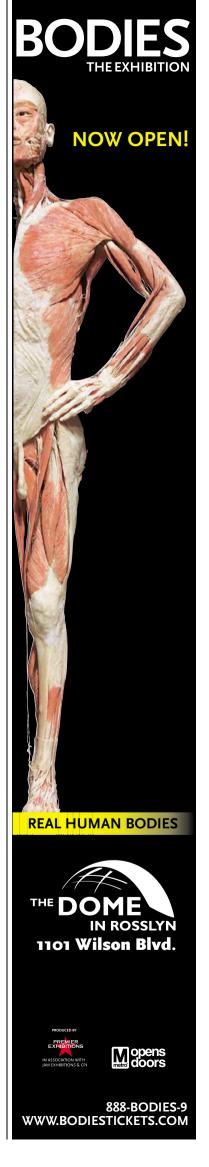
National Postal Museum: "Disaster: Response & Recovery," history of the U.S. Postal Service in securing lines of communication during disasters, ongoing. "Trailblazers & Trendsetters: The Art of the Stamp," through Oct. 3. 2 Massachusetts Ave. NE: 202-633-5500, postalmuseum.si.edu.

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MY SPACE, MY CHOICE: The Capital Fringe Festival actors whose plays are being hosted inside Touchstone Gallery this weekend will have a very nice view. Touchstone's "My Space on 7th" offers artists an opportunity to choose which works they'd like displayed. This unique group exhibit renders the curator as much an onlooker as, well, an onlooker,



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29 SUN * Aishu Venkataraman

A protégée of classical South Indian violin.

30 MON * The Grandsons

New Orleans R&B, rockabilly, swing, and country two-step.

31 TUE ★ Donny Hue & the Colors

Use a variety of instruments from organ to kazoo to create their experimental rock.

1 WED * Coco Zhao Ke

Chinese jazz vocalist accompanied by pianist Bernett Thompson's quartet.

2 THU * Wayne Wilkinson lazz guitarist and a current member

of Zach Smith & The Dixie Power Trio.

3 FRI * Huancara

Argentine band that integrates guitar. bass, and drums with pre-Columbian and criollo instruments.

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4 SAT * The Philadelphia Jazz Orchestra

Comprised of the best student musicians from Philadelphia and New Jersey.

5 SUN * Huáscar Barradas

Venezuelan flutist performs everything from Bach to the Beatles.

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6 MON * David Bond

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CRÈME DE LA CRÈME: Conner Contemporary Art presents works from the best recent fine-arts graduates from the area in the group show "Academy 2007." Painting, sculpture, photography and video work is represented in this thoroughly encouraging exhibit. Above is "Pretty Girl," a video work by Natalia Panfile, a graduate of the Maryland Institute College of Art.

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LAST CHANCE Phillips Collection:

"Lyrical Color: Morris Louis, Gene Davis, Kenneth Noland and the Washington Color School," through Sun. "American Impressionism: Paintings from the Phillips Collection," through Sept. 16. 1600 21st St. NW: 800-55I-7328, phillipscollection.org.

Prada Gallery: "Lou Stovall." Color Field works from the celebrated Washington artist; "Carmen Jabaloyes," both through July 30. 1030 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-342-0067, pradagallery.com.

LAST CHANCE Project 4 Gallery:

"Building," photographs of an abandoned power station in Ireland and the story behind it, through Sat, 903 USt, NW: 202-232-4340, project4gallery.com.

Studio Gallery: "Group Show," all artists' work using wood and welded sculpture, glass, ceramic, oil, acrylic, polymer clay and photography, through Aug. 10. 2108 R St., NW; 202-232-8734, studiogallerydc.com.

Target Gallery: "Visual Rhythms/Ritmos

Visuales." Latin American influenced art. through Sept. 3. IO5 N. Union St., Alexandria; 703-838-4565, torpedofactory.org. Touchstone Gallery: "Ulrich Stein," a doctor's non-medical passion for painting and drawing on display, through Aug. 4. "My Space on 7th." artists display their artwork in a non-juried show, through Aug. 4. 406 7th St. NW: 202-347-2787.

Transformer: "The Exercises," video,

touchstonegallery.com.

music and sound mixed media, conceptual installations, through Aug. 4. I403 P St. NW; 202-483-II02, transformergallery.org.

U.S. Botanic Garden: "Patterns in

Nature: Photographs by Amy Lamb," oversized color close-ups of plants. West Orangerie, through Sept. 9. "Celebrating America's Public Gardens," showcasing other botanic gardens, Conservatory Terrace and National Garden, through Oct. 8. "A Pepper for Every Pot." about new varieties of pepper plants. Plant Exploration room, through Nov. II. 100 Maryland Ave. SW: 202-225-8333, usbg.gov.

Warehouse Arts Complex: "Art in Heat," the best of D.C.'s outsider, lowbrow and pop surrealist artists, through Sept. 30. IO2I 7th St. NW; 202-783-3933,

artinheat.com.

LAST CHANCE Washington Printmakers Gallery: "Scratching the Surface," Deron Decesare's relief prints, monotypes and monoprints, through Sun. 1732 Connecticut Ave. NW: 202-332-7757, washingtonprintmakers.com.

Washington Theological Union:

"Visuale Ricordanza di Francesco," the works of Franciscan Brother David Haack. through Sept. 14, 6896 Laurel St. NW: 202-726-8800, wtu.edu.

William W. Parker Gallery: "9x10 Show #5," WPA/Corcoran artists display, through Aug. 10. 629 New York Ave. NW; 202-639-1737, wpaconline.org.

WVSA ARTiculate Gallery: "ART in Bloom," portraits of flowers by artists with disabilities, through Aug. 9. IIOO I6th St. NW: 202-261-0233, wvsarts.org.

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from Artists Brian Petro & Danielle Madole." Petro's Coal and Ink Series and Madole's paintings, through Aug. 8. 1829 14th St. NW; 202-234-8344, vastudc.com.

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A family that's way too fun shakes up a sedate block in this enchanting kids' show, through Aug. I2, \$10-\$20. Imagination Stage, 4908 Auburn Ave., Bethesda; 301-280-1660, imaginationstage.org.

LAST CHANCE Birds: The Rorschach Theatre presents an urban love story with twists of magic, fables and fairy tales, through Sun., \$12-\$20. The Sanctuary Theatre in the Casa del Pueblo Methodist Church, 1459 Columbia Road NW; 202-452-5538, rorschachtheatre com

Brooklyn Boy: In this comedy, a successful author returns to his Brooklyn stomping grounds, through Aug. 5, \$25-\$46. Olney Theatre Center, 2001, Olney-Sandy Spring Road, Olney; 30I-924-3400, olneytheatre.org.

Children's Theater-in-the-Woods:

Morning performances for kids, Tuesdays through Saturdays through Aug. II, one show, \$5; two shows on the same day, \$8. Wolf Trap, Filene Center, I55I Trap Road, Vienna; 877-965-3872, wolf-trap.org.

Godspell: The "hippie leotard musical" with long legs, through Aug. 5, \$18-\$46. Olney Theatre Center for the Arts, 2001 Olney-Sandy Spring Road, Olney; 301-924-3400, olneytheatre.org.

LAST CHANCE Hamlet: Michael Kahn stages the Bard's story inaudacious modern dress, through Sun, Shakespeare Theatre Company, 450 7th St. NW; 202-547-II22, shakespearetheatre.org.

Hellzapoppin: An improvised, everchanging feat of comic chaos, this 1938 smash musical, for which there is no published script, gets a no doubt nutty but long overdue revival, thanks to the American Century Theater, through Aug. 18, \$23-\$29. Theater II, Gunston Arts Center, 2700 Lang St., Arlington; 703-553-8782, americancentury.org.

FRIDAY ONLY Heisei Nakamura-za

Kabuki: The troupe featuring Kabuki star Kanzaburo Nakamura XVIII performs the Japanese dramatic art. Fri., \$65-\$127. The Warner Theater, 5/3 (3th St. NW: 202-397-7328, warnertheatrr.com.

LAST CHANCE High School Musical: Disney Channel's made-for-TV-movie hit, opens Fri., through Sun, \$10-\$15. The Thomas Jefferson Community Theatre.

125 S. Old Glebe Road, Arlington; 703-548-II54, encorestage.org

Keith Lee Diamond Project: Dances to repertory selections including Midsummer Night, Vestiges, Mama Rose, Trois Gymnopedias and U24I, Sat. & Sun., \$5 minimum donation. Dance Place, 3225 8th St. NE: 202-269-1600. danceplace.org.

The Magical Balloon: Paata and Irina Tsikurishvili's Synetic Theatre and the children's-theater company Classika have teamed up, and the results are a treat for both kids and adults, through Aug. 19, \$12

Robert Strong - Nothing Up His

Sleeve!: Juggling and comedy, through Fri., \$4-\$6. S. Dillon Ripley Center, IIOO Jefferson Drive SW: 202-633-8700. discoverytheatre.org.

THIS WEEKEND ONLY Shout Out! **Black and Brown Voices of Home:**

Black and Latino youth unite to perform poetry, monologues, dance and original music inspired by self-exploration. Fri. & Sat., donation \$10, 18 and under free. GALA Hispanic Theatre 3333 14th St. NW; 202-234-7174, galatheatre.org.

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in advance, \$15 at the door. Classika Theatre, 404l Campbell Ave., Arlington: 703-824-6200, classika.org.

SATURDAY ONLY Marker (DC): Performance artist Mary Coble invites people who have experienced physical assaults because of their race or religion to record the event on her body, U Street Cardozo. 13th and U streets SE; 202-639-1828, wpaconline.org.

The Misanthrope: Moliere's satire, part of the Capital Fringe Festival, \$5. The Red & the Black, I2I2 H St. NE, 202-399-3201.

The Phantom of the Opera: The

Andrew Lloyd Webber extravaganza disguised as a musical, through Aug. 12, \$37-\$95. Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; 202-467-4600, kennedy-center.org.

Reefer Madness: The Musical: Innocent teens tumble for Marviane in this musical send-up of the cult exploitation movie, through Aug. 5, \$35-\$39. Studio Theatre, I50I I4th St. NW; 202-332-3300, studiotheatre.org.

inette stars in the melodious travails of the society diva whose earsplitting caterwauling made her the (ironic) toast of 1930s New York, through Sun., \$45-\$55. Studio Theatre, I50I I4th St NW; 202-332-3300, studiotheatre.org.

Three Sistahs: Blues and pop musical about family life during the Vietnam and the Civil Rights eras, opens Fri., through Sept. 9, \$40. MetroStage, I20I N. Royal St., Alexandria; 703-548-9044, metrostage.org.

Too Much Light Makes the Baby Go Blind (30 Plays in 60 Minutes):

Theatrical Madness from Chicago's intellectually retless Neo Futurists, through-Sun., \$25. Woolly Mammoth Theatre, 641 D St. NW: 202-393-3939.

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